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Dear Sir or Madam



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ALLIANCE RAIL HOLDINGS APPLICATIONS

We have reviewed the submission by Alliance Rail to introduce a number of new services between the North West and Yorkshire via the West Coast main line.

At first glance South Yorkshire PTE is not directly affected by the proposal as no trains will operate in the County and therefore our policy would be to encourage applications that widen travel opportunities, grow the rail market and create additional jobs. However the proposed routeing of the Leeds to London service does serve Stockport station and we have concerns that this operation may take up capacity that could be made available for any enhancement of the Sheffield - Manchester service. As part of the Northern Hub project we are anxious that the frequency of this service is enhanced so as to provide four express trains an hour serving Stockport.

Therefore we would be concerned that if by the supporting the Alliance Rail proposal there was risk that the enhanced south Trans Pennine service could be lost and I would welcome your assurance that four express train paths between Sheffield and Manchester with stops at Stockport would still be protected should Alliance Rail commence operation.

Yours faithfully

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