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By email

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Dear Peter,

Alliance Rail Holdings (Alliance) Section 17 and Section 18 Application: Great North Western Railway (GNWR)

Alliance received a significant number of responses to its recent consultation for WCML access rights, including your own. This letter addresses the specific points you made. We have now written to all consultation respondents in a similar manner.

At the industry stakeholder meeting held in York on 18 August, and in the written responses that followed, a number of people felt it was difficult to understand the reasons for Alliance's applications being split, with one to be made under Section 18 of the Railways Act and one under Section 17. In view of those comments and Alliance's further work with Network Rail we have decided that the formal submission to the ORR will be made as one Section 17 application. This means that there is no longer any interdependence between applications and that issues raised separately during consultation have been consolidated into a single list.

I am replying to David Rourke's email dated 10 August. I understand David has now left LOROL, and he gave me your name as the new contact. If for some reason you are not the correct contact, may I ask that you forward it to the right recipient?

David raised only one concern is his email. This was to ensure that Alliance trains would have robust paths between Watford Junction and London Euston.

The paths that were included in the indicative timetable referred to in consultation were validated and agreed with Network Rail using the December 2011 timetable planning rules. Alliance and Network Rail will continue to work together to ensure that paths are robust throughout the route, not just on the Euston to Watford section.

If you need any further information about Alliance's proposed applications, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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Head of Development