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RE: Alliance Rail Holdings Section 17 Application

Dear Jonathan,

Thank you for consulting Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) on Alliance Rail Holdings Section 17 application to enter into a track access agreement with Network Rail. GTR understands that Alliance Rail proposes to commence services between London Waterloo and Southampton from December 2017 operating as Grand Southern Railway.

GTR has access rights to operate hourly services in and out of Southampton Central as follows.

- 1 x tph between Southampton Central and Brighton
- 1 x tph between Brighton and Southampton Central
- 1 x tph between Southampton Central and London Victoria
- 1 x tph between London Victoria and Southampton Central

As a result we are keen to understand what the interaction will be between our existing services and Alliance Rail's proposed operation.

Train service start date

GTR understand that the 7 off peak services will start in December 2017 and the 2 peak services will then commence in December 2018. Could it please be confirmed that GTRs understanding is correct?

Available capacity at Southampton Central

Reference is made in the Form P to there being available capacity on the SWML and that capacity will have been made available at Waterloo by 2018. However GTR would like to understand the ability of Southampton Central to accommodate the extra train services. In a standard off peak hour there are a total of 20 passenger train booked into Southampton Central and 4 freight services planned to pass through. In the peak the number of passenger can be as many as 24 per hour. GTR would like to understand what work has been done to confirm that there is sufficient capacity to handle the additional services without negatively impacting performance.

Does Alliance Rail have any proposed timings for the services that they could share with us at this stage?

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Future Operations

GTR's understanding is that Alliance Rails proposal is to operate services only between London Waterloo and Southampton. This will start with 7 off peak services in December 2017 with 2 peak services added in December 2018. Does Alliance Rail have future plans to increase the number of train operating between London Waterloo and Southampton or serve other south east rail corridors?

Yours Sincerely

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