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RE: Alliance Rail Holdings Section 17 Application

Dear Jonathan,

Thank you for your response to our quires regarding the Alliance Rail Holdings Section 17 application.

Train service start date

Thank you for the confirmation. No further questions on this.

Available capacity at Southampton Central

Thank you for providing us with the indicative plan for the services. We note your comments that these are yet to be formally validated. GTRs main concern is to ensure that there is no impact on GTR operations in the Southampton area. This is particularly the case for the Southampton portion of the Southampton / Bognor train that combines each hour at Horsham. A right time departure from Horsham towards London is absolutely critical to punctual operations of the Brighton Main Line and the wider Thameslink network.

The indicative times have the up services departing Southampton at xx15, which is only 2 minutes after GTR's xx13 departure towards Horsham which departs from Platform 2A. At the same time Cross Country are occupying Platform 1 with a northbound service. GTR suggests platforming arrangements at Southampton Central should be investigated to ensure the operations can all be accommodated. We are aware that there is very little flexibility to move existing services.

Future Operations

It is noted that this Section 17 is only related to obtaining right between London Waterloo and Southampton Central. No further comments on this.

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Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom".

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cc: Craig Tomlin – Network Rail

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