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Subject: Notice of Appeal by Grand Central Railway

ACCESS DISPUTES COMMITTEE

Dear Michael,

I have received on behalf of the Access Disputes Panel the expedited notice of appeal from Grand Central Railway Company Limited (GCR) in relation to the directions hearing in reference TTP 96 last Wednesday 4th October.

This purported appeal is wholly irregular in our view, for reasons that we will elucidate in a full written response which will be deposited with you, Network Rail, GNER and GCR by no later than next Tuesday morning, 17th October.

This is a similar length of time to that which has elapsed since the issue of the Chairman's directions last Wednesday morning to the time we received a copy of GCR's notice at midday today. It will also give the ORR ample time before the substantive hearing of reference TTP96 on 26th October 2006 to decide how to deal with this purported appeal.

Chris Blackman

Committee Secretary