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Dear Mr Gusanie

**Consultation on 'Criteria and procedures for the approval of passenger track access contracts – 4<sup>th</sup> edition.**

Passenger Focus (the new operating title of the Rail Passengers Council) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the above document.

We are pleased that ORR will look at the balance between the potentially conflicting demands of capacity, performance and engineering possessions and will take into account the impact of each of these on passengers rather than just adopt an engineering-led approach.

To this end we are pleased that ORR will continue to consult with stakeholders – including ourselves. When doing so, however, we would emphasise the need for adequate consultation periods.

Yours sincerely



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