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Dear Brian

**GRAND NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED - BRADFORD -
LONDON EUSTON SERVICES - APPLICATION FOR TRACK ACCESS
CONTRACT**

I refer to your email dated 22 May 2008 inviting comments on the application by Grand Northern Railway Company Ltd for a track access contract for a Bradford to London Euston service under Section 17 of the Railways Act 1993.

As stated in my responses to other recent applications for track access contracts relating to services between Yorkshire and London, Metro will generally support applications that provide greater levels of access to the rail network within the Leeds City Region and between the City Region and London.

Metro would expect, where applicable, that the operator will accept the full range of Metro multi-modal tickets and fares for journeys within the Metro area of operation during the life of the service.

As with all such applications, our support is conditional upon the operator's proposed services having no detrimental impact upon those existing or currently proposed franchised services sharing various segments of the route within West Yorkshire. This is in relation to timetabling issues, performance risk and revenue risks.

Although Grand Northern Railway Company Ltd is bidding for rights to provide services between the Leeds City Region and London by means of part of the West Coast Main Line we would prefer to carry out a more detailed review of the implications of each of the Yorkshire – London applications and how they might impact upon each other in terms of passenger demand and possible abstraction before any formal commitment can be made in support of each of the specific proposals.

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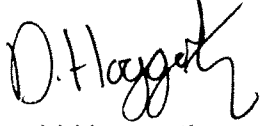
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As stated in other, recent, responses, we would like to have the opportunity to work with you on an overall assessment of each of the proposed services and to assist with the deliberation on which of the proposals, or combination of proposals, offers the most satisfactory outcome for the City Region and its main commercial centres.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Hoggarth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Hoggarth

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