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Subject: Consultation response to NR Strategic Business Plan

Dear Mr McMahon

Please see Cornwall's response to the consultation. We are very grateful for the opportunity to comment on the document and would be grateful if you could consider the following points:

- Warmly welcome the approach, particularly more proactive approach to partnership working and upgrading railway stations to make them better places to depart and arrive from. This has long been an aspiration of CCC's Riviera Project for upgrading station facilities.
- Points of accuracy within Route 12 Plan: under 'Current passenger and freight demand' - whilst journeys to key centres from Plymouth and the west have remained static according to this plan, the local network has seen considerable growth between 2000 and 2006 (37% based on figures received from TOCs over this period). Under 'current services' - last sentence says that the branches other than Exmouth have hourly or less frequent interval services - this is not true as St Ives has a half hourly service Mon-Sat all year - and is correctly recognised in Figure 2.
- We recognise that two key projects in Cornwall are identified for completion by the end of Control Period 3 (ie. By 2009): Penwithers Junction and Falmouth branch capacity enhancement - we are working closely with NR to ensure delivery of these schemes (Figure 16 in Route Plan 12)
- Support NR's approach to Community Rail as set out in the supporting document and we are particularly keen to see work taken forward on reducing costs in manner suitable to many of the Community rail lines.

Stations Strategy and Plan:

- Cornwall has already expressed an interest to Network Rail to have Truro station included in the Station travel plan pilot scheme as there are plans to improve the station which match the CP4 time period.
- Modular station design - Cornwall is happy to explore the opportunities with Network Rail for modular stations but would wish to see the important heritage elements of our stations preserved.
- Welcome continuation of Access for All small schemes fund being open to third party bidders.
- We understand that 3 stations in Cornwall have been identified so far through the NSIP. We would wish to have further discussions about utilising these funds to provide the best joint stakeholder outcomes for all stations in Cornwall. A particularly suitable candidate would be St Erth which will be upgraded in 2009 as part of the CCC lead Park and Ride scheme.

Please let me know if you wish to discuss these comments in more detail.

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