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Dear [REDACTED].

HS1 Stations Periodic Review 2019 – Emerging thinking ahead of the Final Decision

Thank you for the opportunity to comment further on the Department's HS1 Review for CP3 emerging thinking which we received on the 13th September 2019 ahead of the final decision due on the 9th October 2019.

It is noted that the Department in 3.i and A5 of Annex A propose to make changes to the draft that Southeastern do not support as stated in our response on the 8th August 2019, please see below;

Southeastern is not supportive of the proposed 40 year profile. It is not appropriate or affordable for current users of the infrastructure to be required to fund the historic costs of construction (through the IRC) and the future cost of renewals (via the annuity) at the same time.

The comments are also noted in A8 Annex A Reason for Change.

It is noted that the Department has taken on board the extension to the Final Decision until the 9th October 2019 which we believe is required and allows time and consideration of the points raised.

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