

**REVOCATION LETTER
IN RESPECT OF DEROGATIONS GRANTED FROM AN INITIAL
ENFORCEMENT ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 72(2)
ENTERPRISE ACT 2002**

Revocation of consent previously granted under section 72(3C) of the Enterprise Act 2002 to certain actions for the purposes of the Initial Enforcement Order made by the Competition and Markets Authority ('CMA') on 26 January 2022

Anticipated merger between National Express Group plc and Stagecoach Group plc (the 'Merger').

Dear Tim,

We refer to our derogation consent letter dated 14 April 2022 (the '**Derogation Consent Letter**') pursuant to which the CMA consented to various derogations from the Initial Enforcement Order of 26 January 2022 (the '**Initial Order**'). The terms defined in the Initial Order and the Derogation Consent Letter have the same meaning in this letter, unless otherwise defined below.

Under the Initial Order, save for written consent by the CMA, National Express Group plc ('**National Express**') and Stagecoach Group plc ('**Stagecoach**') are required to hold separate the Stagecoach business from the National Express business and refrain from taking any action which might prejudice a reference under section 22 or 33 of the Act or impede the taking of any remedial action following such a reference. After due consideration of your requests for derogations from the Initial Order, based on the information received from you, and in the particular circumstances of this case, as outlined in the Derogation Consent Letter, the CMA granted consent for Stagecoach to carry out certain actions, in respect of specific paragraphs of the Initial Order.

1. Paragraphs 7(b)(i), 7(b)(ii) and 7(b)(iii) of the Initial Order

In section 1 of the Derogation Consent Letter, the CMA granted a derogation in respect of paragraphs 7(b)(i), 7(b)(ii) and 7(b)(iii) of the Initial Order, such that these

provisions no longer applied to the Stagecoach business in relation to Stagecoach's [X].

Having carefully reviewed the information made available to the CMA following the granting of the derogations in the Derogation Consent Letter, the CMA considers that the particular facts and circumstances for granting the derogations in the Derogation Consent Letter no longer arise as Stagecoach no longer [X]. In these circumstances, and in light of the legitimate precautionary aims of the Initial Order, the CMA considers that it is necessary and proportionate to reimpose the requirements for Stagecoach to comply with the obligations in respect of which the CMA previously granted derogations under the Derogation Consent Letter. This is without prejudice to the CMA's ability to grant specific consent in future for actions that would otherwise be prohibited by the application of these obligations.

Accordingly, the CMA revokes the derogations set out at section 1 of the Derogation Consent Letter in respect of paragraphs 7(b)(i), 7(b)(ii) and 7(b)(iii) of the Initial Order.

Yours sincerely,

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