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Subject: Derby Station Improvement Project - Friends of Derwent Valley Line

Dear Sir Patrick,

Thank you for your attached letter dated 8th August in respect of the Derby Station Improvement Project and Network Rail's engagement with the Friends of the Derwent Valley Line.

Firstly can I say that I appreciate the importance of each of the points both which you raised at the briefing in Derby on 7th July, and which Mr Weaver raises in his letter dated 31st July.

The potential impact of the work on commuter traffic, users of the Derwent Valley Line, and specifically on the Matlock Illuminations and other major events in Derbyshire which will be held during the work, are central to our ongoing planning process and Network Rail is keen to engage with stakeholders on at an early stage to ensure that disruption in summer 2018 is minimised as much as possible.

I can therefore confirm that Network Rail are about to propose a meeting between East Midlands Trains, Derbyshire County Council and the Friends of the Derwent Valley Line, to take place in September, to discuss these issues in more detail and allow for partners to be updated on where the work has reached to date.

I hope that this meeting will be of interest to the Friends of the Derwent Valley Line, and will enable the important questions raised in Mr Weaver's letter to be addressed directly, with relevant stakeholders all present to contribute to the discussion.

As an initial step I have also ensured that the comments in your correspondence have been fed into our project team for consideration, and can provide an assurance that we will continue to be in frequent contact as preparation for the work progresses.

Yours Sincerely,

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