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Dear David,

I would like to thank you and your colleagues for taking the time to put together a comprehensive proposal in your letter of 14 August, which has been passed on to me. I am replying in my capacity as Minister for Rail.

Transport is essential to our mission to get Britain building, to driving economic growth and productivity, and to addressing regional inequalities. That is why we are committed to transforming infrastructure delivery and putting in place the most radical overhaul of public transport in a generation.

My ministerial colleagues and I are currently considering options on future rail infrastructure, including how we best support economic growth in the North and Midlands and address delivery and capacity challenges following the decisions of the previous government whilst maintaining financial discipline. We will carefully review the position we have inherited before setting out more detailed plans in due course.

I appreciate you taking the time to write to us.

Yours sincerely,

Peter, Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill

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