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Dear

Declaration of congested infrastructure: West Coast Main Line South Fast lines: Camden Road South Junction to Ledburn Junction Inclusive

In accordance with the Railways (Access, Management and licensing of railway Undertakings) Regulations 2016, Network Rail is declaring the infrastructure on the West Coast Mainline South Fast lines between Camden South Junction and Ledburn Junction as congested infrastructure with effect from the 11th May 2020.

This declaration is being made under regulation 26 (2) because, following consideration of access requests received this year; Network Rail considers that this element of the infrastructure is likely to become congested during the December 2020 timetable period.

This declaration does not mean that all new requests for access on the designated infrastructure will be automatically rejected, because the route is not equally busy at all times of the day or week.

We are now preparing a capacity analysis report in accordance with the regulations, to be published by 11th November 2020. At present we do not intend to apply priority criteria or a scarcity charge to this infrastructure as permitted under the regulations; we believe that the current Network Code processes will suffice.

Yours sincerely

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