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To whom it may concern,

**Revocation of Declaration of Congested Infrastructure: North Downs Line (Reading to Gatwick via Redhill)**

The above declaration of congested infrastructure was made in accordance with The Railways Infrastructure (Access and Management) Regulations 2005<sup>1</sup> in 2006. Upon review of this matter the restrictions and issues that contributed to the initial declaration being made are no longer present. As such it is Network Rail's view that the identified areas of the network should no longer be declared as congested.

This notice is to advise that Network Rail intends to revoke the declaration on the basis that:

- New infrastructure has been delivered which has increased the capacity of the North Downs Line (from the position it was in in 2006)
- Additional services for both passenger and freight have been accommodated as far as Redhill.
- No access proposals from Timetable Participants were declined within the December 2022 timetable.
- No new access applications for the North Downs Line have been declined through the Sale of Access Rights process.
- The issues that arose which led to the declaration being made are no longer present.

As per the Management of Congested Infrastructure Code of Practice (June 2021) any representations regarding this matter will need to be received by Network Rail within 5 working days after this advice note is given.

This revocation would take effect from the Timetable Change Date in December 2023.

Yours faithfully,

**Chris Rowley**  
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<sup>1</sup> Since superseded by The Railways (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2016