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From: Welsh Government

To: Arriva Trains Wales

The Welsh Government recognises that international connectivity is an important means by which transport infrastructure can contribute to national economic performance. Manchester Airport's status as one of the principle economic and transportation hubs in the North, and the economic benefits the Airport brings to the surrounding region, means that improving access to the Airport and the surrounding area is one of the priorities of the Welsh Government.

North Wales is home to three Enterprise Zones and a number of multi-national companies including Toyota, JCB, Tata, Siemens and Airbus. Furthermore, work is commencing on Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Power Station which will be one of the one of the largest engineering projects in the UK, drawing in specialists from all over the world. It can be argued that Manchester Airport is their natural international gateway.

There are significant existing market and potential future opportunities for Manchester Airport in North Wales. These include:

- In 2012, there were 120,000 business trips between Wales and Manchester Airport, of which 113,000 were from North Wales.
- Currently, access by rail to Manchester International Airport accounts for only around 6% of passengers travelling to/from Wales. However, evidence from other locations with regular direct rail services suggests this proportion could be increased by a factor of five.
- Hourly, direct rail services between North Wales and the Airport would not only increase the size of the passenger market in North Wales, but also contribute to alleviating congestion on the road network around the Airport

North Wales is an important tourism destination and attracts around 30m visitors every year. The tourism strategy for Wales, 'A partnership for Growth', sets out our strategic ambition for improved physical and technological connectivity, including improving links to nearby airports in England.

The Welsh Government fully supports Arriva Trains Wales bid for increased services between North Wales and Manchester Airport.

Regards,

Public Transport Division

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From: Arriva Trains Wales
Sent: 05 November 2015 15:41
To: Welsh Government and Various others
Subject: Arriva Trains Wales: Proposed 72nd Supplemental Agreement: application under s22A

Dear all,

Arriva Trains Wales: Proposed 72nd Supplemental Agreement: application under s22A

Arriva Trains Wales intends to submit to ORR an application for a proposed amendment to its Track Access Contract under Section 22A of the Railways Act 1993.

Arriva Trains Wales seeks to add Firm Rights to Schedule 5 of its contract in order to extend more of its North Wales/Chester-Manchester Piccadilly services to and from Manchester Airport, on weekdays and Saturdays, from May 2016.

A copy of the application and proposed agreement is attached and will shortly be available on Network Rail's website:

<http://www.networkrail.co.uk/browseDirectory.aspx?root=&dir=%5cTrack%20Access%5c1%20Current%20Consultations>

Please note that this consultation supersedes an earlier consultation from February 2015, entitled "Proposed 65th Supplemental Agreement", which was to seek the same rights commencing from May 2015. Respondents to the previous consultation who wish to reply to this new consultation should either restate their original comments to the extent that they apply to this new consultation, or submit new comments.

I would be grateful if you could let me have any comments you may have on the proposed agreement no later than close of business on **Thursday 3rd December**. You do not need to respond if you have no comments.

Regards,

Arriva Trains Wales
Trenau Arriva Cymru

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