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Andrew Haines, CEO  
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(sent by email)

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Dear Andrew,

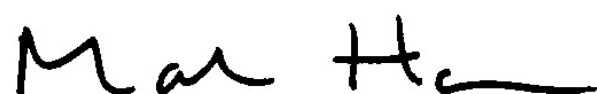
### **Great British Railways Transition Team (GBRTT) Report on the commission to deliver a simpler and more integrated railway**

I would like to thank you and your team for leading the above commission and for your report setting out GBRTT's recommendations to simplify and improve the contractual and regulatory frameworks that govern the use of the railway and railway capacity. This piece of work is an excellent example of close, cooperative working between GBRTT, Office of Rail and Road (ORR), DfT officials and the broader industry, and I am particularly pleased with the way this process has been delivered.

My officials are undertaking a comprehensive process to consider those recommendations addressed to the Department. I would also like GBRTT to take forward, in coordination and agreement with the ORR and with close engagement with industry and broader stakeholders, those recommendations that do not require legislation to progress. I would be grateful if you could continue to keep my officials updated on its progress.

Delivering a simpler and more efficient railway that works for its passengers, freight customers and taxpayers remains a key priority for the Government. The Government announced Pre-Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) of the draft Rail Reform Bill last November which further demonstrates the Government's commitment to reforming the railways. This will give all interested stakeholders the chance to scrutinise the Bill, meaning once parliamentary time allows for its introduction, it will be able to swiftly pass into statute. The legislation in itself will not deliver reform but is vital in delivering the legal powers necessary to establish Great British Railways. The commission, alongside PLS, is an important part of maintaining the momentum for rail reform.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Harper". The letters are cursive and connected, with a long horizontal flourish at the end of the word "Harper".

**The Rt Hon Mark Harper MP**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT**