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Dear Jonathan,

May 2022 – Timetabling Decision

Thank you for your letter dated the 22 December 2021, and further to our letter dated the 17 December 2021.

We have been working with NR throughout the course of this timetable production period and, as reported yesterday, I am pleased to be able to inform you that NR have advised us that the DfT have agreed to allow Heathrow Express to operate from Platforms 6 and 7 at Paddington at all hours for the May 22 timetable onwards.

This is a major breakthrough in the service provision to Heathrow Airport and will remove the timetabling conflict that we have at Terminal 5, and thus allow HAL to accept all requested train services in to our stations, including your requested train serves as originally planned. That is 4tph to T4 and 2tph to T5.

There is still some work to be done with this in terms of logistics, but I believe that your timetable for May 22 can be implemented essentially as bid, so there will be a minimal impact on MTR.

Once the arrangements at Paddington are finalised, in accordance with the Network Code, we will all need to work through revised proposals, offers and the published timetable for May22 in due course to reflect this turn of events.

Thank you for your patience in dealing with this problem, and please accept my apologies for the delay in formally writing to you in reply to your last letter. This has been a very fluid situation, and as a direct response to the points in your December letter has evidently now been overtaken by events, we would prefer to look forward.

I will let you know of the next steps as soon as this information becomes available.

Yours sincerely

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