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1.1 Grand Central has been asked to confirm that the telephone call referenced by Network Rail in paragraph 4.1.3 of its Sole Reference Document was made and provide details of any response given by Grand Central.

1.2 Richard McClean, Managing Director has provided the following statement:

I can confirm that this call did take place and that we did discuss Network Rail's revised plans and the position reached at the AOB.

In the call, I highlighted Grand Central's concerns as to the affect that the additional weekend blockade would have on the efforts being made to attract passengers back to rail travel – particularly given that, despite general challenges with the delivery of Informed Traveler timescales, the affected weekend was actually available to passengers to book travel.

We also discussed Network Rail's ability to deliver the new project delivery programme given the short change timescales and the ongoing COVID19 impacts.

Lastly, we touched on the challenges of managing passenger flows where the reduced passenger volumes potentially offered opportunities that were offset by the need to deliver social distancing for passengers and staff.

A review of the AOB Minutes indicated that our conversation was entirely consistent with the deliberations at AOB and the actions recorded in the Minutes seemed appropriate.

In that context, following our conversation and having reviewed the AOB Minutes, no further response from Grand Central appeared to be necessary.