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### **Proposed New Station at West Tey, Essex**

Dear Alan,

I am writing to appraise you of Network Rail's view in relation to the above.

Network Rail is currently undertaking a capacity study of the Great Eastern Main Line (GEML) to consider long term demand and the likely capacity requirements. This considers the impact of expected population and employment growth on the corridor but not at specific locations. On completion of this study, we will undertake a further assessment of the scope and cost of schemes needed for long term growth.

We are, however, aware of a number of significant development proposals in the Shenfield to Colchester section of the GEML – notably at Ingatestone, Beaulieu Park, Kelvedon, Marks Tey and the North Essex Garden Communities (NEGC) sites.

We are currently working with you to better understand the potential to accommodate the increased rail demand arising from the NEGC housing development proposals in the vicinity of Marks Tey station. To this end, we have recently undertaken a limited evaluation for you to understand the timetable implications of an additional station at West Tey. This showed very limited scope to stop only one service per hour at the proposed West Tey station, and that this would have a detrimental effect on journey times and services at adjacent stations.

Whilst we have not undertaken the requisite engineering, capacity and cost analysis in order to evaluate the potential benefit, cost, impact and risk of relocating the existing station to West Tey, we believe that there would be a very high order of cost in doing so not least as a result of the difficulty in accommodating the existing Sudbury branch line.

In addition, we believe that clear opportunities exist to bring forward at an earlier stage significant developer-funded improvements to the existing Marks Tey station. This could include improved bus, pedestrian and cycle access which would not necessarily be dependent on approval of the major development proposals around West Tey.

It is therefore our view that, in line with our Investment in Stations guide for promoters and developers:

- i. You should seek to provide and improve connectivity between the proposed NEGC developments in the area and the existing stations on the GEML, principally Marks Tey; and;
- ii. Enhanced access and improvements to the existing Marks Tey station should be explored and developed before considering the potential for station relocation.

A copy of Network Rail's Investment in Stations guide can be found at this address - <https://cdn.networkrail.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Investment-in-stations-2017.pdf>

We remain committed to working closely with Essex County Council and other stakeholders to accommodate aspirations for local growth and development. We look forward to helping you develop a practical solution that improves accessibility by rail for all existing and prospective rail passengers.

Yours sincerely,



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