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Hi Ian,

I hope you are keeping well.

Network Rail can confirm that it has had early engagement with Vectos in respect to Station Improvements at Wythall and Earlswood.

Stations are a vital component of the passenger railway network. A well located and designed station provides for rail travel by allowing passengers safe and easy access to the services they require. Stations also offer facilities for finding up to the minute information, buying tickets, sheltering from the elements and interchanging to the next leg of a passenger journey. Successful stations add to the passenger experience and support the economic, social and environmental benefits of rail.

In line with the DfT's High-level output specification (July 2017), the rail industry is actively working with 3rd parties that have a desire to invest in the network. Therefore, Network Rail is welcoming of funding to enhance the station facilities to serve the community and improve the interface and accessibility between the station and the local area.

Network Rail will continue to engage in reference to improvements the stations. It is also recommended that you engage with West Midlands Trains in respect to the proposals, as they are the station facility owner for the stations.

Regards

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