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Dear Val,

**Re: Devolving rail services in London - Towards a South London Metro**

Thank you for forwarding a copy of your report, which we indeed found to be interesting, but also clear and balanced.

In relation to the recommendations, we will support the conversations that will be required as a consequence, in particularly in relation to recommendation 3.

For the other recommendation that specifically references Network Rail, number 8, we already work very closely with TfL on the development of the Route Studies and the wider National Rail Long Term Planning Process, and also on the development of infrastructure enhancements, but we are fully supportive of further strengthening that relationship. Indeed Mark Carne has recently discussed with Mike Brown working with TfL on strengthening the London wide nature of our strategic development, and our two teams will be exploring this further.

There is just one specific point that I would like to make on the detail within the report itself, and that is in relation to Crossrail 2 (on page 22). We are working closely with TfL on the project and jointly developing the proposals, partly driven by the significance of the outputs to the wider south east as well as London. As this is already an indication of the strengthened nature of our integrated planning and major upgrade development, we would appreciate it if this could be recognised when referring to Crossrail 2. It will be one, integrated, railway.

I look forward to attending the committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to be 'Peter Hendy', written over a red line.

Sir Peter Hendy CBE  
Chair