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Dear Hoder

Thank you for your letter of 31 January, about the consultation on the South Eastern rail franchise, which we received on the 8 February. I apologise for the delay in replying.

I would like to emphasise how much I appreciate your work and continued interest in better rail services for your constituents, and in particular the survey you undertook to ensure that your contribution to the public consultation so accurately reflects their concerns.

I have shared your letter with the franchise competition team who will consider your views as part of the wider responses received. I would also like to encourage your constituents to submit their views to the public consultation¹ which will help shape and improve services on the South Eastern network in the years to come.

Thank you again for your letter and for raising your concerns. I hope this reply is helpful.

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PAUL MAYNARD

¹ https://www.gov.uk/government/news/south-eastern-franchise-consultation-launched