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Dear Richard,

Today, my department has published a Framework Agreement that sets out how the Department for Transport and Network Rail will interact in terms of corporate governance and financial management.

The document is a product of months of discussions and collaborative work between my officials and Network Rail staff, and I would like to thank you and your colleagues for all of your time and contributions in getting to this point.

In line with Memorandum of Understanding that we agreed in December, this Framework Agreement will preserve Network Rail's ability to manage its business with appropriate commercial freedom, while providing accountability to Parliament and the taxpayer.

It's an exciting time for Britain's railways and, as you know, the outputs planned for CP5 are unaffected by the reclassification of Network Rail. I am therefore looking forward to working more closely with Network Rail on the delivery of this ambitious programme.

Yours sincerely,

**THE RT. HON. PATRICK McLOUGHLIN**