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Dear Mr Tigwell

Reinstatement of Line – Exeter to Plymouth via Okehampton and Tavistock

Thank you for your letter dated 7 March 2014 addressed to our chief executive, Mark Carne, concerning the reinstatement of the above. In line with our company's policy, I have been requested to respond on his behalf. Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in my response.

We are conducting a study to examine the feasibility of an additional line and are engaging with all necessary stakeholders to set out common objectives. We acknowledge that there will be conflicting priorities amongst stakeholders; this is why it is critical to capture the views of every group.

We have started our dialogue with five outline options – but included within the remit, that other options should be considered:

- Reopening of the Plymouth – Exeter line via Okehampton – closed in the 1960s
- Reopening of the Newton Abbot to Exeter line via Heathfield and Chudleigh
- 3 variants of a new line from Newton Abbot to either Dawlish Warren; StarCross; Exminster.

We intend to publish the initial findings of this study by the end of June with the intention that it then forms part of the wider route study we are publishing late October.

I hope that this information is helpful to you. I can be contacted at the address overleaf should you have further questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely



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Community Relations Executive - Western Route