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Attn: **REDACTED**, Partner
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Dear **REDACTED**,

CONTRACT NOTICE

Contract Title: **Provision of Legal Services for DfT Thameslink Programme and general Rolling Stock policy related advice**

DfT Contract Ref: **P4104068**

Variation Notice: **1**

Effective from: **4th December 2025**

Between:

The **Department for Transport** (hereinafter called “the Authority”) and **Eversheds Sutherland (International) LLP** (hereinafter called “the Supplier”).

1. Purpose of this Variation

This Contract Notice serves to formally extend the duration of the existing Call-Off Contract between the Authority and Supplier.

The Terms and Conditions of Contract as previously agreed and amended between the Parties still apply but with the following amendments:

- a. The contract term has been extended by twelve (12) months and the new contract expiry date is the **3rd December 2026**.

2. RM6204 Call-Off Special Term

The following Special Terms are incorporated into this Call-Off Contract:

Special Term 1: Use of Contract by DfTO

Without prejudice to the definition of “Buyer” in this Call-Off Contract, the Parties agree that the Supplier shall also provide the Services under this Call-Off Contract for the benefit of the DfT Operator Limited (“DfTO”) as well as the DfT.

Application of Terms

The rights and obligations set out in this Call-Off Contract shall apply mutatis mutandis to Services provided to DfTO, save that:

- a. DfT shall remain the contracting “Buyer” for the purposes of this Call-Off Contract;
- b. the Supplier shall not be entitled to assert that the provision of Services to DfTO constitutes a breach or outside the scope of this Call-Off Contract; and
- c. the Supplier’s liability under this Call-Off Contract will apply in the aggregate to any claims (including separate claims made in respect of the same or a different act or omission) made against it by DfT and/or DfTO and that any amount claimed by DfT and/or DfTO will reduce the Supplier’s limitation of liability by an amount equal to the amount of that claim.

Clarification

Nothing in this clause shall create a separate contractual relationship between DfTO and the Supplier; liability as contracting counterparty shall remain with DfT unless and until this Call-Off Contract is novated to DfTO in accordance with clause 10.1 (Novation to DfTO).

Special Term 2: Novation of Call Off Contract

Planned Novation

The Parties agree that, at such time as the Department for Transport (“DfT”) determines appropriate, this Call-Off Contract may be novated in its entirety from DfT to the DfTO, being the designated successor body or contracting authority.

Effect of Novation

On novation taking effect:

- a. DfTO shall assume all rights, obligations, and liabilities of DfT under this Call-Off Contract;
- b. the Supplier shall release DfT from any further obligations under this Call-Off Contract; and

- c. the Supplier shall recognise DfTO as the Buyer for all purposes of this Call-Off Contract.
- d. The Supplier shall continue to provide the Services under this Call-Off Contract to the DfT as required on a common interest basis.

Words and expressions in this Contract Notice shall have the meanings given to them in the Contract.

The Contract shall remain effective and unaltered except as amended by this Contract Notice.

Should you have any queries regarding this or any other matters please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Signed for and on behalf of the **Department for Transport**

Name: **REDACTED**

Job Title: **Commercial Relationship Manager**

Signature:

REDACTED

Date: 12th November 2025

Signed on behalf of **Eversheds Sutherland (International) LLP:**

Name: **REDACTED**

Job Title: Partner

Signature:

REDACTED

Date: 12 November 2025