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Dear Mary,

December 2018 timetable

Thank you for your letter to Liam Sumpter regarding timetable changes in May 2018 which resulted in significant peak-time gaps affecting your constituents, and the subsequent announcement by the Rail Delivery Authority in relation to the “suspension” of timetable revisions scheduled to take place in December 2018.

When Liam and I met with you at our parliamentary session shortly after the introduction of the May 2018 timetable, you may recall us discussing this matter. It had been our hope, and still remains so, that we would be able to introduce some modifications in the timetable in December 2018.

The current agreement Northern has is that no major changes can be made to the timetable this December. However, where we have identified anomalies such as those we discussed with you, we will be able to put a business case to make slight revisions. This is something Liam and I are currently working on with our timetable planners. I will be happy to update you on this matter when we have concluded our internal discussions.

Hopefully I will be able to report a positive outcome shortly. In the meantime, if you require any additional information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours with best wishes,



Raj Chandarana
Stakeholder Manager