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Good afternoon,

I write to provide Northern Trains Limited's (NTL) full support for the Network Rail (Stalybridge to Diggle (Saddleworth) Enhancements Order submitted on 7 November 2025.

NTL remain supportive of the TRU programme, welcoming the continuing investment in rail in the North of England. NTL offer support for the Order Scheme, a component within the wider Transpennine footprint, which will enable increased capacity, improved journey times, and improved reliability and resilience of passenger and freight services across the Transpennine route between Manchester, Huddersfield, Leeds and York.

NTL have been impressed by the on-time delivery of electrification between Manchester and Stalybridge and between York and Church Fenton as well as upgrading of station facilities along the route and welcome the Stalybridge to Diggle (Saddleworth) enhancements which will include further electrification and station upgrades. NTL are fully committed to the successful, efficient and timely delivery of TRU and believe that if the works proposed under the Order were not to be carried out, it would be a constraint to the benefits that are to be delivered, and have been promised by Government and result in a train service specification and operation that would be below what is required.

NTL are fully supportive of all works needed to deliver TRU, and firmly believe that Network Rail have demonstrated in their submission that these works are indeed needed and critical to the wider delivery and success of TRU.

Should it be necessary, Northern Trains Limited are happy to make further representations and/or appear at a Public Inquiry to further support the Order application.

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