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De Nigel

Thank you for your letter of 3 October 2012, regarding the Thameslink Rolling Stock Procurement contract.

As you noted in your letter the Thameslink Rolling Stock procurement is not a rail passenger franchise competition. The recent announcement placing active franchise competitions on hold does not have implications for procurements of rolling stock.

In the Thameslink Rolling Stock procurement the bids were evaluated in accordance with the evaluation process set out in the Invitation To Tender, which is published on the Department for Transport's website.

With regard to your specific concerns about the bogie design in the Siemens proposal can I refer you to the evidence one of my predecessor Secretaries of State provided to the House of Commons Transport Committee on 7 September 2011.

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