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Dear Sir/Madam

On behalf of the Department for Transport, I attach a response to the consultation on radio spectrum band 870-915. I would be grateful your careful consideration of the points raised in this response and would be happy to discuss any matters as part of this consideration.

The Department for Transport supports the licensing of ER-GSM to railways in the future. We ask that comprehensive consideration is given to putting the necessary controls into place for licence exempt applications to operate without interference to railway operations. In addition, we are aware that work is underway within Europe on the refresh of the GSM-R technical specifications, and the use of ER-GSM spectrum, for interoperable train control systems. We ask that the assessment of the necessary controls therefore also takes this activity into consideration, such that they are compatible with any update or modification to the mandatory European legislation in this domain.

Government has announced its intention to build a High Speed Railway (HS2), which will require additional spectrum to be available to support vital signalling and operational services. ER-GSM can play a role in delivering this, as well as supporting future operational services on Network rail infrastructure.

Yours sincerely

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