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Dear Mr Clayton,

Thank you for your letter of 14 October to the Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport, regarding the devolution of Southeastern services to Transport for London (TfL). Your letter has been forwarded to Passenger Service for a reply.

We appreciate your comments on London rail devolution and the benefits the TfL proposals would bring to passengers in Sevenoaks and Danton Green.

As you are of course aware, the Mayor has submitted a business case for running London suburban rail services. We will now consider this and whether it will improve services for all passengers, including longer distance commuters. We will also need to understand how the Mayor intends to fund his proposals.

The Department is committed to ensuring the best possible services for passengers and I would like to assure you that a decision on the TfL business case will be made in due course.

Thank you again for writing to the Secretary of State listing out the benefits.

Yours sincerely,

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