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Rt Hon Michael Gove MP
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Dear Mr Gove,

Ref: SWR timetable consultation December 2018 services

Thank you so much for writing to us in relation to the December 2018 timetable consultation. We are currently reviewing all of the feedback and can assure you that we have recognised the impact that these changes will have on some journeys. The comments are being taken into account to help us prepare the final plans over the coming weeks which we continue to discuss with the Department for Transport.

We received a lot of emails from customers and stakeholders keen to offer their views on the service planned. We recognise that the journey time saving is, for some, far outweighed by the removal of the direct services. We will continue to review the plans for Camberley, Frimley and Bagshot services. However, I would like to point out that there are a lot of customers that are happy to achieve a faster journey time using the service already proposed.

We are now working towards the preparation of the final draft timetable for December 2018 which we then need to submit to Network Rail for review in early March. We are using the comments we have received to help inform all of our decisions for the next submission while maintaining our contractual obligations.

We hope to share these new plans via the timetable consultation page on our website later in the spring and will then produce the final timetables once approved by Network Rail this coming autumn.

Yours sincerely

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