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John Irven
Chairman WSR plc

Dear John

Thank you for your letter confirming our discussions on Friday 11 March 2016, which we welcome. As you know the Association's Board discussed the matter of the Williton Premises at its meeting on 15 March. We discussed your letter and the recent PDG meeting at our Board meeting this morning. We are pleased to accept your offer of the Association's continued use of the Swindon Shed subject to review on a three monthly rolling basis. This will provide WS Restoration the opportunity to sustain business continuity and reassure staff and customers. We have already agreed with you the basis on which we shall carry out the three monthly review.

Following the conclusion of the Coombes process the Board has today discussed the other matters contained in your letter. We are determined to restore the Association's contribution to the whole West Somerset Railway. We are working hard at introducing good governance but do not yet have complete information about all our assets and liabilities so that we can make informed decisions about the way forward. We have appointed Simon Stretton to represent us on the Williton Development Group and Jacque Green for that at Bishops Lydeard.

We have today established eight working groups to consider different aspects of our duty to fulfil the Coombes requirement to present a coherent development plan to the membership at this year's AGM, which is likely to be in the early autumn. In order to ensure as much member involvement as possible we plan a consultation day in July to present our emerging findings for comment. We hope that your Board, as well as other stakeholders, will also want to offer their views. We commit to working through the Partnership Development Group, and also in any other more detailed discussions which may be appropriate.

Finally I reiterate we are delighted with the plc Board's positive approach to these discussions and we look forward to working with you and the other members of the Partnership Development Group in the months ahead.

Yours sincerely

Frank Courtney
Chairman