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Thank for the opportunity to make comments on the Rail Franchise Consultation Document.

Falkirk Council has no specific comments to make on the Franchise Agreement as it seems to cover almost all eventualities.

We would, however, offer the following general comments:

- Unsure as to how the EGIP project will affect the ability of the operator to deliver their targets outlined in the Franchise. Especially as the Scottish Government will be in charge of both.
- Likewise any enhancement to the infrastructure like new stations may also impact on the operator being able to deliver the promised level of service. These enhancements will be the responsibility of the Scottish Government and Network Rail.
- Any enhancements to the timetable introduction of additional or new services may impact on the ability of some operators to deliver the level of service they signed up to in the franchise agreement.
- Maybe some recognition of these should be included in the Franchise Agreement to protect the Operator from things outwith their control.