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*Dear Andy,*

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Following the Adjournment Debate on the 9 March 2011 with Theresa Villiers regarding the Portsmouth to London services, I met with Penny Mordaunt MP and David Habershon of the No450 Campaign on the 12 July 2011 to listen to their views about South West Trains rolling stock on the Portsmouth route.

They raised concerns with me that they feel that the Class 444's are not fully utilised off peak and at the weekends when the capacity demand allows.

Whilst I recognise this is a matter for you as the Operator, I would be grateful if you could advise me what consideration you have given to operating more Class 444 trains in the off peak and at the weekends on the Portsmouth services?

I understand that you have concerns about the release of the passenger loading data and have told my officials that this information is commercially confidential.

I would ask you to consider whether the release of some of this information may be beneficial in demonstrating South West Trains' strategy for rolling stock deployment. I understand from our meeting that Penny Mordaunt MP is also likely to be writing to you separately on this point, and I will copy this letter to her as well.

Yours sincerely

*N Norman Baker*

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