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Thank you for updating MPs this morning in the House of Commons about the GTR/Southern timetable changes.

Gareth Edwards, your stakeholder manager, assured my office by e-mail on 22 May that the timetable changes would only increase journey times from Hassocks "by an average of 7 minutes." The changes were supposed to lead to "significant improvements in capacity and service" and yet my constituents are regularly reporting journey times that are taking far longer than this.

I would be grateful if you could re-examine the peak direct commuter services to London from Hassocks to ensure that your appraisal of the new journey times is correct. I enclose a copy of Mr Edwards' email of 22 May for your reference.

Of course my constituents welcome additional off-peak service provision, but they cannot understand why a raft of peak direct commuter services have been removed from the new timetable. This is the final straw for those who have spent in excess of £5,000 on season tickets and who rely on these services to get to work. I would be grateful for an explanation as to why you have cut these services in particular.

I enclose a copy of my letter of 24 April to Charles Horton, your CEO, my letter of 25 April to the Rail Minister, Jo Johnson MP, and my letter of 4 June to the Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling MP, all of which outline my concerns in more detail.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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