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Dear Katherine

**THE RAILWAYS (INTEROPERABILITY) REGULATIONS 2011, AS AMENDED
SOHAM STATION PHASE 1 (INF NTSN AND PRM NTSN)**

I refer to your application for authorisation received on the 26 November 2021, and subsequent letter on 03 December 2021. Following review of your application, I can confirm that ORR grants authorisation under regulation 4(1)(a) of the Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011, as amended.

This authorisation is for the placing in service of the Soham Station project to be located on Soham Branch (ELR: SOB2) between 7 miles 1342 yards and 7 miles 1452 yards.

The limits of the authorisation include the following infrastructure elements:

- a new single platform unstaffed station (from 7 miles 61 chains to 7 miles 66 chains);
- platform heights and offsets;
- associated telecommunications equipment infrastructure on the new platform;
- station access from Mereside Road;
- provision of 50 car (four accessible), ten motorcycles and 30 cycle parking spaces; and,
- taxi rank and pick-up/drop-off area.

The Declaration of Verification reference 150723-NRS-CER-ESS-000006, version 3, dated 29 November 2021 and Approved Body and Designated Body Conformity Assessment Report and Technical File reference NCB_N05349_CAR_4468, version

2, dated 23 November 2021 states the following limit of use with respect to NTSN PRM Clause 4.2.1.14:

- The station has been assessed for use with class 755 stock only. Should any other stock be required to use the station, then an assessment of any required boarding aids will be required and their compatibility with the station platform will need to be demonstrated.

The Eastern Region System of Review Panel (SRP) have endorsed as per the letter reference EAS-ANG-SRP-0079 dated 25 November 2021.

It should be noted that, as per Recommendation 2 of the Safety Assessment Report NCB_N05349_SAR_4542 Version 1.0 dated 03 November 2021, the proposer shall ensure that public address announcements warning passengers of passing trains is implemented prior to entry into service.

The infrastructure subsystem(s) authorised by this letter must be operated and maintained in accordance with Regulation 20.

You should be aware that any future modifications to the authorised subsystem may constitute a 'renewal' or an 'upgrade' as defined in Regulation 2. If a project entity, in relation to the project, considers that the modification meets either of these definitions they may apply, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 13, to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a decision on whether a new authorisation will be required. Should DfT decide that an authorisation is not required they must consult with ORR whether authorisation is required on safety grounds.

As the project entity you are responsible for retaining the technical file, keeping it up to date and making it available to the ORR in accordance with Regulations 18 and 19.

If you are not the owner of the authorised subsystem you shall within 60 days, in accordance with Regulation 19(3), transfer the technical file, certificate of verification and verification declaration to the owner of the subsystem and the owner shall then be regarded as the project entity. If the owner, in accordance with Regulation 19(4), disposes of his interest in the authorised subsystem, he shall within 60 days of the disposal transfer the technical file, certificate of verification and verification declaration to the person acquiring that interest and that person shall be regarded as the project entity.

Please note that the person who applied for the authorisation shall send particulars to the owner of the infrastructure to enable the owner of the infrastructure to enter the items on the Register of Infrastructure in accordance with Table 1 Commission Implementing Decision 2011/633/EU. This will include such further information as the registration entity may reasonably require set out in the relevant standard.

If you are the operator, may I remind you of the need to have adequate arrangements within your Safety Management System to control the risks associated with this infrastructure subsystem(s).

This decision letter will be published on ORR's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Fletcher', with a stylized, cursive script.

Steve Fletcher
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