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PRM-IOP-0436

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Dear Anthony,

**THE RAILWAYS (INTEROPERABILITY) REGULATIONS 2011, AS AMENDED THANET  
PARKWAY STATION**

I refer to your application for authorisation received on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023. 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 Thanet Parkway Station, located on Engineer's Line Reference (ELR) ACR route from 83 miles 54 chains to 83 miles 67 chains. The scope of the station comprises of:

- Two parallel, single-faced platforms to accommodate up to 12-carriage trains
- Use of an existing underpass (Petley's Arch) at the eastern end of the site for access to the Down and Up-Side platforms
- Lifts and stairs providing access to the platforms
- Shelters, CCTV, public address and customer information systems
- A covered station entrance with ticket machines and a passenger information screen



- Car parking for 293 vehicles (including accessible parking and electrical vehicle chargingpoints), bus stops, cycle racks, motorcycle parking and a taxi rank.

There are no restrictions or limitations of use on the structural subsystem as described in the Declaration of Verification, reference: 160124-NRS-STA-ESS-000002- Declaration of Verification- Thanet Parkway Station Project, Version 1.0 dated 30/05/2023 and described in the Approved Body and Designated Body Technical File Reference Report reference 417400-MMRA-APBO-0008-00 ApBo DeBo Technical File - Reference Report, Version 00, dated 11/05/2023.

The Southern System Review Panel has endorsed this project (SRP endorsement letter dated 26/05/2023 and SRP email sent on the 30/06/2023). SRP is satisfied that the recommendations listed in the Safety Assessment Report reference: 17400/MMRA/ASBO/0007/00 dated 27/03/2023, are considered closed and managed in accordance with the Declaration of Control Risk reference: 160124-NRS-STA-ESS-000001-DOCOR-V2.0, dated 23/05/2023.

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 of Commission Implementing Decision 2019/777 as amended by Regulations 21 to 30 of The Railways (Interoperability) (Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. This will include such further information as the registration entity may reasonably require set out in the relevant standard.



The person who applied for the authorisation to place in service may apply to the ORR for a determination of type. You will receive the type authorisation after providing the relevant data to the ORR.

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

**Steve Fletcher Deputy Director, Engineering & Asset Management**

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