

Dear Mr Carey,

I've only today become aware of your consultation on Revising Raising Safety Regulations today, as the Farmers Union of Wales is obviously not on your consultee list.

As the proposals include consideration on whether to remove the prescriptive duty on Network Rail to maintain line side fencing to prevent unauthorised access to the railway, which would be of particular concern to many of our members whose farmland abuts railway infrastructure, I'm extremely concerned that we have not been given the opportunity to feed in our views.

As agriculture in Wales is predominantly livestock based, incidences involving trains and livestock will inevitably happen, but the Union is extremely concerned that any moves to reduce the current statutory obligations to a risk based approach may have serious consequences for livestock and rail safety in the future.

As the consultation closed on the 2nd of September, I do hope at the very least you include reference to our concerns and ensure that the Farmers Union of Wales is added to your list of consultees for future reference.

Regards
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