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Dear Jane,

**Northern Ireland Railways Company Limited (NIR): Network Statement 2024**

I am writing to conclude ORR's review of NIR's 2024 network statement, as required of us under *The Railways Infrastructure (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016* ("the Regulations").

We received your 2024 provisional network statement on 16 December 2022 and responded with our comments on 17 January 2023, and you published the final version at the end of January 2023.

We note that little has changed since the 2023 edition. However, in the main, that reflects that your network statements have improved incrementally over several years and are now at a relatively mature point.

Our main observation last year was regarding the situation with the requirement for NIR to upload data to the Register of Infrastructure ("RINF"), the portal for which can be accessed at <https://rinf.era.europa.eu/RINF>. Your update to us recently was that as Post-EU Exit legislation continues to be finalised, you are reviewing the legislative requirements and how best to comply.

We have no further comment this year other than to say that we appreciate your continued positive engagement on network statements.

In line with our commitment to transparency, we will publish this letter on our website at: <https://www.orr.gov.uk/guidance-compliance/rail/network-statements>.

I am copying this letter to John Glass and Ciaran Moore.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Les Waters'.

**Les Waters**