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Dear Alison,

### **Core Valley Lines: Network Statement 2025**

1. I am writing to conclude ORR's review of your 2025 network statement for the Core Valley Lines ("CVL"), as required of us under *The Railways (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2016* (as amended).
2. We reviewed the provisional version you sent to us in August 2023, responding mainly with points of detail, indicating where clarifications or relatively minor edits were needed, or where signposting could be improved. Three particular areas we highlighted were:
  - timetabling dates for the 2025 timetable year needed updating in places;
  - the publication needed to allow for the repeal of some Implementing Regulations, under the *Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023*, by the start of the 2025 timetable year; and
  - the text regarding the Engineering Access statement (in section 4.3) needed some rewording for clarity.
3. Having reviewed the edition you published last month, we are pleased to see that you have addressed the latter two points above and have made numerous minor changes, all contributing to an enhanced document overall. One correction, however, is outstanding, to reflect that 2025 timetabling year will end on 13 December 2025.
4. Once again, we appreciate your positive engagement with network statements and the efforts you have taken with this year's edition.
5. I am copying this letter to Alan Brookes and Nick Rowe at Amey, and Philip Rawlings at Transport for Wales. In line with our commitment to transparency, we will place a copy of this letter in the *Network statements* section of our website.

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

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