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Our Ref:
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Dear Stuart

**THE RAILWAYS (INTEROPERABILITY) REGULATIONS 2011, AS AMENDED
NORTHUMBERLAND LINE PROJECT, BLYTH BEBSIDE STATION**

I refer to your application for authorisation received on the 26th September 2025. 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 Blyth Bebside Station, located on Engineer's Line Reference (ELR) EJM route from 14 miles 1042 yards to 14 miles 1151 yards.

The scope of the authorisation comprises of:

- New passenger footbridge, stairs, and lifts
- PRM car parking bays and obstacle free routes
- Ticket vending machine and ticket validators
- New platforms (Two)
- Waiting shelters, customer information screens, lighting, public address system, passenger help points, signage and furniture
- Platform gauging and structure gauge at the platforms and passenger footbridge.

There are no restrictions or limitations of use on the structural subsystem as described in the Declaration of Verification, reference: 173726-PIO-SN04-ZZ-REP-EMG-000002 Version P01 dated 19/09/2025, and described in the Approved Body / Designated Body Conformity Assessment Report and Technical File - PRM and INF, NCB_N05835_CAR_6031 v2.0, dated 18/09/2025.

The Blyth Bebside Safety Assessment Report reference: CB_N05835_SAR_6092 v1.0 dated 23/06/25, undertaken by the Assessment Body concludes your suitable application of CSM-RA.

The Eastern System Review Panel has endorsed this project (SRP endorsement letter dated 18/09/2025). SRP is satisfied that the recommendations listed in the Blyth Bebside Safety Assessment Report reference: NCB_N05835_SAR_6092 v1.0 dated 23/06/25, are considered closed and managed in accordance with the Declaration of Control Risk reference: 173726-AEC-SN04-ZZ-REP-EMG-000002_P02, dated 18/09/2025.

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.

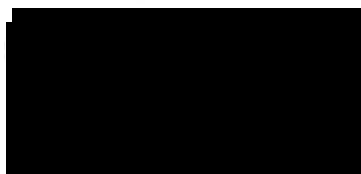


The person who applied for the authorisation to place in service may apply to the ORR for a determination of type. You will receive the type authorisation after providing the relevant data to the ORR.

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



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