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Dear Alexis and Matt,

Approval of the 16th supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Seilwaith Amy Cymru / Amey Infrastructure Wales Limited and Transport for Wales Rail Limited dated 24 December 2019.

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 29 September 2025 under section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act). This follows an earlier informal submission of a draft agreement for our consideration. This letter explains the reasons for our decision.

Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to amend the Transport for Wales track access contract with minor amendments that relate to the Valley Lines and Cardiff Local Services (HL05) service group and will include the following:

- On the Coryton line, there will be an additional 13 access rights on Sundays only between the East Boundary and Coryton (each way). As a result of this change, there will also be a reduction in rights on Sundays for East Boundary and Cardiff Queen Street services (reduced by 12) and Cardiff Queen Street and East Boundary services (reduced by 13).
- One additional access right on the East Boundary to Treherbert, East Boundary to Merthyr Tydfil and West Boundary to Aberdare to run a late night/early morning service on Fridays only.



These changes will commence on the Principle Change Date in December 2025 and will cease at the end of the contract.

Industry consultation

Network Rail undertook the usual industry consultation. Comments were received Transport Focus who were happy to accept, and Great Western Railway who had no objection

ORR review

Our review of the application raised no operational, performance or economic concerns.

Our duties under section 4 of the Act and our decision

We have concluded that approval of this supplemental agreement strikes the appropriate balance in discharging our statutory duties under section 4 of the Act; in particular, those relating to protecting the interests of users of railway services (section 4(1)(a)), promoting the use of the railway network for the carriage of passengers (section 4(1)(b)) and enabling persons providing railway services to plan their businesses with a reasonable degree of assurance (section 4(1)(g)).

Conformed copy of the track access agreement

Under clause 18.2.4 of the track access contract, Seilwaith Amey Cymru/Amey Infrastructure Wales Limited is required to produce a conformed copy, within 28 days of any amendment being made, and send copies to ORR and the Train Operator. Please send the conformed copy to me at ORR.

Public register and administration

Copies of the approval notice and the agreement will be placed on ORR's public register (website), and copies of this letter and the agreement will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely

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