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Our Ref:
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Dear Stuart

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

I refer to your application for authorisation received on the 11th March 2026. 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 Bedlington Station, located on Engineer's Line Reference (ELR) EJM route, see limits below:

ELR	Details	Track ID	Start Miles	Start Yards	Finish Miles	Finish Yards
EJM	Platform 1 including Station PRM car parking	1100 Up Newsham	15	1339	15	1593
EJM	Platform 2	2100 Down Newsham	15	1339	15	1593
BWC	Platform 1 And 2	1100 Up Ashington 2100 Down Ashington	00	0000	00	0036

The scope of the authorisation comprises of:



- New platforms (two)
- Car park and obstacle free routes (including the pedestrian route across Bedlington South level crossing.
- Ticket vending machines
- Waiting shelters, customer information screens, lighting, public address system, passenger help points, wayfinding and platform furniture
- Platform gauging and structure gauge at the platforms

There are no restrictions or limitations of use on the structural subsystem as described in the Declaration of Verification, reference: 173726-PIO-SN05-ZZ-REP-EMG-000004 version P01, dated 11/03/2026, and described in the Approved Body and Designated Body Technical File Assessment Report, reference: NCB_N05835_CAR_6184 version 1.0, dated 10/03/2026.

The Bedlington Station Safety Assessment Report, reference: NCB/N05835/SAR/1 version 1.0 dated 16/12/2025, undertaken by the Assessment Body concludes your suitable application of CSM-RA.

The Eastern System Review Panel has endorsed this project, reference: EAS-NE-SRP-0208, SRP endorsement letter dated 10/03/2026. SRP is satisfied that the recommendations listed in the Bedlington Station Safety Assessment Report, reference: NCB/N05835/SAR/1 version 1.0 dated 16/12/2026, are considered closed and managed in accordance with the Declaration of Control Risk reference: 173726-AEC-SN05-ZZ-REP-EMG-000003 P02, dated 10/03/2026.

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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