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Dear Nicky

**THE RAILWAYS (INTEROPERABILITY) REGULATIONS 2011, AS AMENDED
SALFORD CRESCENT 3RD PLATFORM**

I refer to your application for authorisation and technical file received on the 18th September 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 changes at Salford Crescent Station, which includes:

- A new 157m long platform (Platform 3)
- New platform canopy and furniture
- Vertical circulation via an extension of existing footbridge with a new lift and stair to the new Platform 3
- Lighting, signages and station information including customer information systems, public address systems.
- A new gate line adjacent to the existing station building

The authorisation is defined by the following limits.

Location	ELR	Line	From (miles and yards)	To (miles and yards)
Platform 3	MVE1	Up Bolton	1m 1082yds	1m 1363yds



There are no restrictions or limitations of use on the structural subsystem as described in the UK Declaration of Verification (Reference: 177117-NWR-00-MVE1-REP-W-PM-000014, Version P01.2, dated 29th September 2026), the Approved Body and Designated Body Conformity Assessment Report and Technical File (Reference NCB/N05660/CAR/11, Version 2.0, dated 25th September 2026) contained in your technical file.

The Safety Assessment Report (SAR) (Reference: NCB/N05660/SAR/10, Version 1.0 dated 30th April 2026) undertaken by the Assessment Body concludes that there is sufficient evidence to demonstrate suitable application of CSM-RA for the pre-commissioning stage of the project lifecycle. 7 recommendations have been made in the SAR.

Your Declaration of Control of Risk (DoCoR) (Reference: 177117-NWR-00-MVE1-REP-W-PM-000022, Version P01.2 dated 25th September 2026) states that all hazards and associated risks, safety requirements and safety measures resulting from the risk assessment have been controlled to an acceptable level. Your DoCoR references the SAR recommendations and has addressed the findings from the SAR. The closure of these will be managed through the associated Entry into Service processes.

The North West & Central System Review Panel (NW&C SRP) has endorsed this project with a letter dated 30 September 2026. The project and the Proposer under CSM-RA regulation are required to satisfy themselves and NW&C SRP that the SAR recommendations and requirements in SRP's endorsement letter have been sufficiently addressed before entry into passenger service.

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, they 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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