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Dear [redacted]

Proposed connection contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and Gemini Rail Services UK Limited (Gemini Rail Services) at Wolverton Works.

1. On 15 October 2026 the Office of Rail and Road (**ORR**) approved the terms of the connection contract submitted on 13 October 2026 by Network Rail and Gemini Rail Services (**the parties**) under section 18 of the Railways Act 1993 (**the Act**), relating to the connection at Wolverton Works. Please find enclosed a copy of our direction notice, directing the parties to enter into the contract. This letter sets out the reasons for our decision.

Background

2. This is an application for a connection contract at Wolverton Works.

3. This connection contract is not suitable for General Approval as the annual payment amount set out in section 15.1.1 of the connection contract is above the threshold for General Approval.

Consultation

4. Industry consultation was carried out 26 May – 25 June. There were no issues raised during the consultation phase.

ORR Review

5. The connection contract is based on ORR's Model Connection Contract. This connection contract is not suitable for General Approval as the annual payment amount is above the maximum yearly payment of £50,000 outlined in the General Approval process. We are otherwise satisfied that this Contract does not significantly deviate from the Model Contract.

6. The application form, connection contract and connection plans that were submitted are all satisfactory. A cost matrix and list of assets were also received as part of the informal submission and were subsequently assessed by ORR Economists, who were satisfied with the information provided.

ORR Decision

7. This application is under section 18 of the Act and therefore is agreed between the parties, who are prepared to enter into the agreement. In making this decision, we are satisfied that this decision reflects our duties under section 4 of the Act.

8. Under clause 18.2.3 of the connection contract, Network Rail is required to produce a conformed copy, within 28 days of any amendment being made, and send copies to ORR and Gemini Rail Services. We look forward to receiving the conformed copy.

9. In entering any provision on the register, we are required to have regard to the need to exclude, as far as is practicable, the matters specified in section 71(2)(a) and (b) of the Act. These sections refer to:

    a. any matter which relates to the affairs of an individual, where publication of that matter would or might, in the opinion of ORR, seriously and prejudicially affect the interests of that individual; and

    b. any matter which relates to the affairs of a particular body of persons, whether corporate or incorporate, where publication of that matter would or might, in the opinion of ORR, seriously and prejudicially affect the interests of that body.

10. When submitting the copy of the signed agreement would you therefore please identify any matters which you would like us to consider redacting before publication. You will need to give reasons for each request explaining why you consider that publication would seriously and prejudicially affect your interests.

Yours sincerely

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