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Your Ref 13979701-BAM-00-AFR-RCD-ESE-000016

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Dear Clare,

THE RAILWAYS (INTEROPERABILITY) REGULATIONS 2011, AS AMENDED
METRO WEST 02 BRABAZON STATION APIS 1

I refer to your application for authorisation received on the 13th October 2026 and final technical file reference 13979701-BAM-00-AFR-RCD-ESE-000016 dated 12th November 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 the following two new platforms, platform one on the Up Avonmouth Dock line and platform two on the Down Avonmouth Dock line located AFR Up Avonmouth Dock 113m 0669yards to 113m 0945yards and AFR Down Avonmouth Dock 113m0665yards to 113m 0940yards inclusive.

There are no restrictions or limitations of use on the structural subsystem described in the Declaration of Verification (Reference: 13979701-BAM-00-AFR-RCD-ESE-0000009) dated 11th November 2026 and the ApBo DeBo Assessment Report (Reference: NCB/N05976/CAR/3, dated 11th November 2026) contained in your technical file.

The Safety Assessment Report (SAR) (Reference: (SAR) N05976_SAR_2_1.0, dated 11th November 2026) undertaken by the Assessment Body concludes that the project has applied a risk management process as defined in CSM RA regulations for this stage of the project lifestyle. Additionally it states that the proposer has demonstrated appropriate management of hazards transfers and satisfactorily addressed the two findings from the previous version of this report.

Your Declaration of Control of Risk (DoCoR) (Reference: 13979701-BAM-00-AFR-REP-ESE-000004) states all hazards and associated risks, safety requirements and safety measures resulting from the risk assessment have been controlled to an acceptable level.

The Wales and Western System Review Panel (SRP) has endorsed this project with a letter (Reference: WWREG-NR-OO-EAM-REP-RSE-0002) dated 11th November 2026.

Additionally, the project provided an updated Hazard Record (13979701-BAM-00-AFR-RCD-ESS-0000001 Version A11, dated 10th November 2026) provides copies of the completed 11 hazard transfer forms to GWR.

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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