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Dear Alan,

The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) is establishing the charging framework for the Cardiff Core Valley Lines (CVL) Network, the railway infrastructure Amey Keolis Infrastructure/Seilwaith Amey Keolis Limited (AKIL) will operate. ORR is required to establish the charging framework and specific charging rules in accordance with regulation 14(1) of the Railways (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2016.

AKIL's approach to charging on the CVL network is set out in its network statement<sup>1</sup>.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>1</sup> CVL Network Statement, available at [tfwrail.wales/about-us/core-valley-lines-infrastructure-manager](http://tfwrail.wales/about-us/core-valley-lines-infrastructure-manager).

## Core Valley Lines Charging Framework

### 1. Definitions

In this Charging Framework, unless the context otherwise requires:

“**AKIL**” means Amey Keolis Infrastructure/Seilwaith Amey Keolis Limited;

“**Core Valley Lines**” means the railway network that connects with the Network Rail Network at two separate connection points:

- (i) at the Core Valley Lines' west boundary, between Ninian Park (exclusive) and Waun-gron Park stations on the Up and Down Treforest lines at 1m 20ch (ELR = RAD); and
- (ii) at the Core Valley Lines' east boundary, between Cardiff Central (exclusive) and Cardiff Queen Street stations on the Up and Down Llandaff lines at 0m 13ch (ELR = CEJ), and includes the following railway lines (locations inclusive unless specified otherwise):
  - (a) Rhymney to the Core Valley Lines east boundary at (ii) above;
  - (b) Heath Junction to Coryton;
  - (c) Ystrad Mynach to Cwmbargoed;
  - (d) Merthyr Tydfil to Queen Street, North Junction;
  - (e) Aberdare to Abercynon;
  - (f) Aberdare to Hirwaun;
  - (g) Treherbert to Pontypridd;
  - (h) Radyr to Core Valley Lines west boundary at (i) above; and
  - (i) Cardiff Queen Street to Cardiff Bay,

and includes any changes or extensions to such Core Valley Lines network, which have been notified to ORR and in respect of which ORR has consented.

“**CVL**” means the Core Valley Lines;

“**Regulations**” means the Railways (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2016

## **2. Introduction**

2.1 Any charges levied by AKIL on train operators for track access to the CVL and for such other services as are referred to in Schedule 2 of the Regulations, including station access, shall be determined by AKIL pursuant to this Charging Framework and the Regulations.

2.2 AKIL shall ensure that any track access agreement or station access agreement entered into with a train operator relating to access to the CVL contains provisions to give effect to the principles set out in the Regulations to which each of AKIL and the other parties to such agreements shall be contractually bound.

## **3. Access Charges**

3.1 Access charges may include any charge permitted by the Regulations and set in accordance with this Charging Framework.