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Dear,

Core Valley Lines: Network Statement 2027

1. I am writing to conclude ORR's review of your 2027 network statement for the Core Valley Lines ("CVL"), as required of us under *The Railways (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2016* (as amended).
2. Network statements contain important information for other infrastructure managers and operators (particularly freight and aspirant operators) to plan their respective businesses. We reviewed the provisional version you consulted upon and shared with us in September 2025.
3. Our comments mainly focussed on points of detail, indicating where clarifications or relatively minor edits were needed, or where signposting could be improved. In particular, we provided comments related to processes in relation to Rolling Stock Acceptance (section 3.4.1) and ensuring references to legislation were accurate.
4. Following our subsequent review of your published 2027 network statement, we welcome the updates that you have made. It is important for entities who want to introduce a vehicle onto the network or make changes to the operation or engineering of a vehicle already in use on network that the process for doing so is clearly explained (section 3.4.1). We suggest that you review this section to clarify that the end result of the process set out in Rail Industry Standard RIS-8270-RST is a finalised 'Statement of Compatibility' and that this process is a cooperative activity between the operator and affected parties.
5. We also note from section 1.5.2 of your published edition that you will update relevant information, particularly in the areas of access contracts and capacity allocation, in sufficient time for the future stand up of Great British Railways.
6. Once again, we appreciate your positive engagement on this year's network statement – please keep it up to date in the event of any material changes.



7. I am copying this letter to Alan Brookes and Nick Rowe at Amey, and Alan Whiston at Transport for Wales. In line with our commitment to transparency, we will place a copy of this letter in the [Network statements](#) section of our website.

Yours sincerely

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