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Dear Jon,

Network Rail's network statement, 2019

I am writing to conclude ORR's review of Network Rail's latest network statement, as required of us under *The Railways (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2016* (the Regulations).

We commented on your provisional version, on which you consulted in August 2017, and have reviewed your published *Network Statement 2019*, dated 2 November 2017.

We note that Network Rail has addressed a number of issues we raised relating to the 2018 edition and we have discussed with your team the areas where we thought the 2019 version did not appear to meet the requirements of the Regulations, including some of the new reporting requirements I mentioned in my letter dated 31 March 2017. The issues were mainly around the clarity of text and places where 'signposting' web links were not working correctly, particularly the signposting for capacity statements. We understand that the relatively minor fixes will be rolled into an electronic refresh.

Regarding service facilities, we note that Network Rail has collected and published more information in the last twelve months. This is good progress. We recognise that there have been difficulties in information flows, but they are being resolved in light of experience. More information is still needed to fill in the gaps (for example on railway undertakings' light maintenance depots) and we welcome Network Rail keeping the momentum going.

As you are aware, although you are taking our comments into account when publishing the network statement, ORR's appeal role under regulation 32(1) and 32(2) means that we cannot endorse or approve the publication.

Thank you for your constructive engagement again this year.

Yours sincerely,

Les Waters

