

Licence Exemption

1. The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) exempts under section 7(3) of the Railways Act 1993:

Black Country Innovative Manufacturing Organisation

registered in **England and Wales** with number **12013857**

from the requirement to be authorised by licence to operate the railway assets described in paragraph 2 below.

2. This exemption applies to:

(a) the network known as the test track adjoining the Very Light Rail National Innovation Centre, located at Castle Hill, Dudley *together* known as “the exempt network”; and

(b) any train operated on the exempt network.

A list of the railway assets to which this exemption applies is at Schedule 1.

3. This exemption is valid from 31 May 2021.

4. ORR may revoke the whole or any part of this exemption:

(a) if the exemption holder is granted another licence or exemption for the operation of all or some of the railway assets to which this exemption applies; or

(b) if ORR suspects on reasonable grounds that the exemption holder has operated a railway asset without a necessary licence or exemption; or

(c) if all or some of the railway assets to which this exemption applies are not used for at least one year; or

(d) if the exemption holder ceases to be the operator of all or some of the assets to which this exemption applies; or

(e) by agreement in writing with the exemption holder.



Signed by authority of ORR

26 May 2021

Reference number: NE/21/04



Schedule 1

The assets to which this exemption applies are:

Asset	Date
1. Any train covered by paragraph 2b of this exemption.	31 May 2021
2. The test track adjoining the Very Light Rail National Innovation Centre, Castle Hill, Dudley.	31 May 2021