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Dear Gary and Chris

**Approval of the 7th supplemental agreement to the track access contract (TAC) between Amey Infrastructure Wales Limited (AIW) and Transport for Wales Rail Limited (TfWRL) dated 24 December 2019**

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 3 November 2023 under section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act). This follows an earlier informal submission of a draft agreement for our consideration. This letter explains the reasons for our decision.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to: align corresponding cross boundary access rights in the Schedule 5 Table 2.1 of TfWRL's Track Access Contracts with Network Rail and Amey Infrastructure Wales; to correct a historic error relating to the quantum of Sunday services operating between the CVL East Boundary and Treherbert; and to correct a recent error relating to the quantum of SX services operating between the CVL West Boundary and Treherbert.

This supplemental agreement will be effective upon the date ORR issues its approval and will expire on the Expiry Date or earlier termination of the TAC between AIW and TfWRL.

## **Industry consultation**

The parties to the contract undertook the usual industry consultation. No queries or issues were raised.

## **ORR review**

Our review of this application raised no operational or drafting errors or queries.

## **Our duties under section 4 of the Act and our decision**

We have concluded that approval of this supplemental agreement strikes the appropriate balance in discharging our statutory duties under section 4 of the Act; in particular, those relating to protecting the interests of users of railway services (section 4(1)(a)), promoting the use of the railway network for the carriage of passengers (section 4(1)(b)) and enabling persons providing railway services to plan their businesses with a reasonable degree of assurance (section 4(1)(g)).

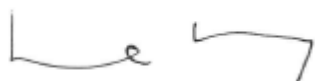
## **Conformed copy of the track access agreement**

Under clause 18.2.4 of the track access contract, Amey Infrastructure Wales is required to produce a conformed copy, within 28 days of any amendment being made, and send copies to ORR and the Train Operator. Please send the conformed copy to me at ORR.

## **Public register and administration**

Electronic copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to the Department for Transport. Copies of the approval notice and the agreement will be placed on ORR's public register (website) and copies of this letter and the agreement will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Louise Beilby', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Louise Beilby**