

## Licence Exemption

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

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**Weardale Railway Limited**

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registered in **England and Wales** with number **12392050**

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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 forming the 19 miles section of railway between signal S36 at Bishop Auckland station and the site of the former Cement Works at Eastgate *and* any extensions to this network carried out after 27 August 2020, which have been notified to ORR and in respect of which ORR has consented, *together* known as “the exempt network”; and
- (b) any train, station or light maintenance depot 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 27 August 2020.

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

**27 August 2020**

Reference number: NE/20/02



## **Schedule 1**

The assets to which this exemption applies are:

<b>Asset</b>	<b>Date</b>
1. Any train, station or light maintenance depot covered by paragraph 2b of this exemption.	27 August 2020
2. The network forming the 19 miles section of railway between signal S36 at Bishop Auckland station and the site of the former Cement Works at Eastgate, on 27 August 2020.	27 August 2020