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Dear Alison,

## **Core Valley Lines: Network Statement 2026**

1. I am writing to conclude ORR's review of your 2026 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. We reviewed the provisional version you sent to us in August 2024, responding mainly with points of detail, indicating where clarifications or relatively minor edits were needed, or where signposting could be improved. These related to timetable dates, traction electricity charges and the roll-out of electrification on the CVL network.

3. Following our subsequent review of your published 2026 network statement, we suggest that section 5.3.3.5 on traction electricity charges should be clearer on the circumstances in which a traction electricity charge will be levied.

4. 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.

5. I am copying this letter to Alan Brookes and Nick Rowe at Amey, and Philip Rawlings at Transport for Wales. In line with our commitment to transparency, we will place a copy of this letter in the <u>Network statements</u> section of our website.

Yours sincerely

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