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Dear Jane,

**Northern Ireland Railways Company Limited (NIR): Network Statement 2026**

I am writing to conclude ORR's review of NIR's 2026 network statement, as required of us under The Railways Infrastructure (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 ("the Regulations").

We received your provisional 2026 network statement on 9 December 2024 and responded with our comments on 9 January 2025. In response to our comments you provided clarifications and made changes, and published the final version at the end of January 2025.

Following our subsequent review of your published 2026 network statement and your responses to our comments, we consider that you do not need to make any further changes to this edition. We appreciate your positive engagement on this year's network statement.

In line with our commitment to transparency, we will publish this letter on our website at: <https://www.orr.gov.uk/guidance-compliance/rail/network-statements>.

I am copying this letter to John Glass and Ciaran Moore.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Les Waters'.

**Les Waters**