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Our ref: ORR/TSD/4.16.2/HEREFORD - ABERGAVENNY
Your ref:

Dear 

**INFORMED TRAVELLER (T-12) COMPLIANCE:
HEREFORD TO ABERGAVENNY ENGINEERING WORKS**

1. Thank you for your letter 19 June received in this office on 21 June.
2. On the basis of the information provided in your letter, I am satisfied that this short notice change to the timetable is a contravention of Condition 8 of Railtrack's Network Licence.
3. However, I note the circumstances described in your letter and the adverse impact on the train service and passengers if the necessary timetable changes do not take place on Saturday 24 June.
4. I am therefore satisfied that under section 55(5)(a) of the Railways Act 1993 the Regulator's section 4 duties would preclude the making of a provisional or final enforcement order, and accordingly, you should treat this letter as a notice for the purposes of section 55(6) of the Railways Act 1993. A copy of this letter will be placed on the public register.
5. However, I am concerned at the very short notice to this office and the apparent failure to follow and check basic day to day procedures in the possession and train planning process, namely Railtrack not issuing a revised T-22 statement and

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Wales & West not picking up the irregularity. I expect a proper degree of care to be given to these procedures by both parties in future and for these matters to be dealt with promptly.

6. A copy of this letter goes to Andrew McNaughton, Zone Director at Railtrack Great Western, Dominic Booth, Managing Director at Wales & West, John Conway, Head of Operational Planning at Railtrack HQ, John Smith, Head of Regulatory Affairs at Railtrack HQ and to colleagues here.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Beswick', written in a cursive style.

MICHAEL BESWICK

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