

20th June 2019

Mike Gallop Network Rail Limited,



Dear Mike



Further to your report Western Route Train Protection 0 to 12mp - Railway Safety Regulations 1999 Exemption Application Report Ref: 146152-NWR-REP-MPM-000007 Rev: A01, GWR is pleased to confirm that it supports this application by Network Rail, on behalf of the industry, for a new exemption from the Railway Safety Regulations (1999) up to 31 December 2023.

We have been part of the stakeholder consultation and participated at your optioneering workshops that helped provide the basis for this report.

We look forward to providing any further support or information that you require in progressing this application, which will ensure GWR Heathrow Express services can commence according to programme.

Yours sincerely,

Stewart Player Head of Operations

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