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Network Rail's network statement, 2024

1. I am writing to conclude ORR's review of Network Rail's latest network statement, as required of us under *The Railways (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2016* (as amended) (hereafter, "the 2016 Regulations").
2. We have reviewed your 2024 publication and are pleased to see that it reflects our most significant comments on your provisional version, notably for your 'informed traveller' obligations (section 1.1) and the clarification around the current working arrangements not yet being ratified. As a general point, we think that clear information relating to timetabling, capacity allocation processes, and milestones for both, very much contribute to making the network statement a useful resource. In that vein we welcome the additional text in section 2.3.10, relating to the Long-term Deployment Plan for European Train Control System (ETCS), which should help potential applicants understand whether their trains need to be fitted with ETCS equipment for their particular routes.
3. We acknowledge that Network Rail has no power to compel service facility providers to furnish you with the information required under 13(3) of the 2016 Regulations, and we recognise that pursuing such information has not been a priority this year. We appreciate your continued efforts though.
4. Thank you for your continued cooperation and especially to Assad Parvez, who has helped with our detailed queries.
5. For transparency, we will publish this letter in the *Network statements* section of our website.

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

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