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By email

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Dear Andrew,

Core Valley Lines: Network Statement 2023

I am writing to conclude ORR's review of your 2023 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) (hereafter, "the 2016 Regulations").

In our response to your 2022 network statement, we identified some particular points relating to congested infrastructure, timetable planning rules and framework agreements, where we suggested that information could be improved. It is good to see that you have addressed each of these in this edition.

Your 2023 publication also shows progress in your service facility description information where, following our feedback, you have clarified when you would expect to receive this information, along with proposals should the information not be forthcoming from service providers. A link to the completed information would also be needed as, currently, the link to *National Rail Enquiries* provides general station information only – it does not give all the technical characteristics for stations, as envisaged in the *RailNetEurope* template, and as required by the *Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2177*. This is something that we think you should address as you start to prepare your 2024 edition. Also, in section 5 (Services and Charges), we suggest providing a specific link to show how the Variable Usage Charge is calculated.

Finally, we have noted that there are some hyperlinks to repair as they do not work as intended (and are inconsistent in format), and there are also some presentational issues with paragraph headings and page numbering. We suggest that these points are addressed in a minor refresh to your document, given that there are six months until the next publication.

We appreciate your continued positive engagement with this publication.

I am copying this letter to Alan Brookes at Amey and Philip Rawlings at Transport for Wales. In line with our commitment to transparency, we will place a copy of this letter on our website at: <https://www.orr.gov.uk/guidance-compliance/rail/network-statements>.

Yours sincerely,

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

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