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Dear colleague,

**CVL Network – Network Code Condition G1 Network Change Proposal:
Cardiff Bay Station Platform Changes and Cardiff Bay Platform 2 Buffer Stop**

This Network Change Notice is issued in accordance with Condition G1.1 of the Network Code and constitutes a formal proposal for a Network Change under that Condition. This Notice is issued to describe specific elements of the overall “CVL Transformation Programme” and is a consequence of having issued a G5 Notice of Intended Scope on 23 January 2024.

Seilwaith Amey Cymru / Amey Infrastructure Wales Limited (“AIW”) wishes to implement the Network Changes described above and is required under Condition G1 to give notice of its proposal to the parties shown above. Condition G2 allows all affected train operators to consider the scheme and bring to AIW’s attention any matters that concern them regarding the change. Access Beneficiaries may also assess the impact of the proposed change on their business and inform AIW what the direct costs and benefits of implementing the change are likely to be (if any).

This Network Change Notice details AIW's proposals:

Proposed Scheme Title	Proposed Scheme Detail	Appendix*
Installation of the Buffer Stop at Cardiff Bay Station Platform 2	A Friction Element Buffer Stop type 4 ZEB/5 (illustrated in Annex 1) will be installed at Platform 2 of Cardiff Bay Station	Appendix A
Change to the Operational Platform Length at Cardiff Bay Station	Cardiff Bay Station's platform 2 will become operational with an operational platform length of 151 metres	Appendix B

* *Note:* Full details of these works as well as the detailed specification of the scheme is set out in the relevant Appendix to this notice and includes a plan showing where the work is to be done and the parts of the Network and associated railway assets likely to be affected.

In accordance with Conditions 5.7 and 5.12 of Part G of the CVL Network Code, any expansion of the scope of the Transformation Programme, including further detail to previously consulted scope, will be consulted with Access Beneficiaries. As defined by Condition G7 of the CVL Network Code, AIW will follow Condition G1 in order to consult with Access Beneficiaries and to establish changes to the CVL Network.

AIW is proposing these changes as part of the Transformation Programme to increase the capability of the Cardiff Core Valley Lines Network (the "CVL").

In accordance with Condition G1.2(d), AIW is seeking comments from you to establish whether or not you are content for the changes to be implemented. We invite you to consider the proposed scheme and forward your comments to us by **28 April 2025**. If a formal response is not received by this date, it will be deemed that you accept the proposal without compensation.

Costs and Compensation

Condition G2 of the CVL Network Code allows all affected train operators to consider the scheme and bring to AIW's attention any matters that concern them regarding the change. Train Operators may also assess the impact of the proposed change on their business and inform AIW what the direct costs and benefits of implementing the change are likely to be (if any).

Additional Terms and Conditions

Once this G1 Network Change has become an established Network Change (as defined in Part G of the CVL Network Code), AIW may, if it wishes to make any modification to the terms or conditions (including as to the specification of the works to be done, their timing, the manner of their implementation, the costs to be incurred and their sharing, and the division of risk) on which the change was established, use the following variation procedure:

AIW shall ensure the specific variation (or variations) is formally communicated to all parties to this notice (the original consultation notice) for consideration. The parties to

the consultation shall consider and respond to the variation (or variations) in accordance with the procedures set out in Conditions G1 and G2 allowing for the changes in detail that must follow as a result of the procedure applying only to the proposed variation. It shall not be necessary for AIW to re-issue the entire Network Change notice for consultation.

Please respond using the standard form (b), (c), (d) or (e) as appropriate, each of which can be located on AIW's website <https://tfw.wales/projects/consultation-centre/cvl-infrastructure-manager>. Please send all responses electronically to cvltrackaccess@amey.co.uk.

Respondents should clearly indicate if they consider that all or part of their response is "sensitive information" as defined in Part A of the CVL Network Code.

Please let me know if you require any further details to enable you to respond formally to this notice.

If you are no longer the appropriate person in your organisation to receive communications such as this, I would be grateful if you could let me know.

I look forward to receiving your response to enable the progression of this proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Gary

Appendix A – Proposed Scheme for the Installation of the Buffer Stop at Cardiff Bay Station, Platform 2

Reasons for Proposed Change

As a part of the ongoing Transport for Wales transformation project, the single line at Cardiff Bay will be slewed to facilitate construction works and the newly constructed Platform 2 will become operational. Platform 1 will be closed until further notice.

Platform 2 will be equipped with a Friction Element Buffer Stop type 4 ZEB/5 (illustrated in Annex 1)

Specification of Works

From 0m22ch to the Cardiff Bay buffer stop, the existing line will be slewed towards the new downline alignment.

Platform 1 at Cardiff Bay will be closed until further notice, and a new platform (platform 2) will be opened, equipped with a Friction Element Buffer Stop type 4 ZEB/5 (illustrated in Annex 1).

The operational length of the new platform 2 is 151 metres (165 yards).

A TPWS OSS has been installed 55 metres from the buffer stop on platform 2

Proposed Timescale

The works at Cardiff Bay will be undertaken from week 7 of the 2025/26 Railway Calendar, on or after 11th May 2025.

Amendments to Sectional Appendix

Sectional Appendix Changes are shown in Annex 2 to this document.

To support the alterations described above, the following revisions will be made to the Western Route Sectional Appendix (March 2025).

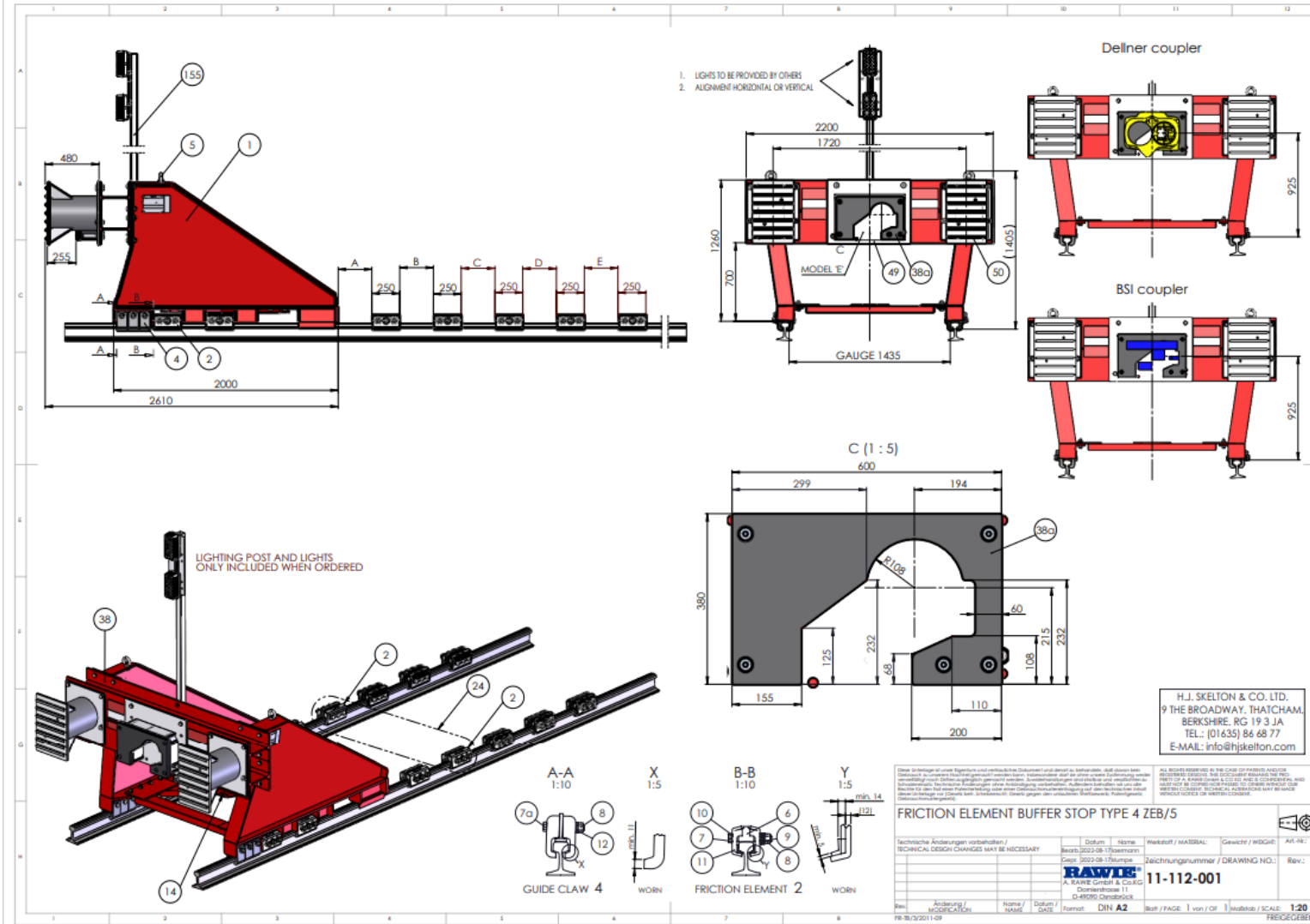
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Changes to Operating Instructions

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Traincrew to be aware of change to correct side door operation as a result of the entry into service of Platform 2.

Annex 1 - Friction Element Buffer Stop type 4 ZEB/5



Appendix B – Proposed Scheme for Change to Operational Platform Length at Cardiff Bay Station.

Reasons for Proposed Change

Platform 1 Operational Platform Length was previously reduced to 50 metres to facilitate construction. This scheme proposes the closure of Platform 1 until further notice and the opening of Platform 2, with an Operational Platform Length of 151 metres.

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Annex 2 – Sectional Appendix Changes

LOR	Seq.	Line of Route Description	ELR	Route	Last Updated
GW839	001	Queen St. South Jn to Cardiff Bay	CAM	Wales - TFW CVL	05/03/2024
Location		Mileage M Ch	Running lines & speed restrictions	Signalling & Remarks	
Queen Street South Jn		0 66		GSM-R OT Wales Rail Operating Centre (Valleys) (CF) RA6 Axle counter area ① - Up/Down Cardiff Bay Chord	
		0 48 *			
CARDIFF BAY/ BAE CAERDYDD		0 02		Platform 50m, 65yds Platform 151 metres, 165 yards	