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Planning Division
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Dear Sir / Madam,

WORKS AT RHYMNEY STATION

REQUEST FOR PRIOR APPROVAL UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995 PART 11 CLASS A

We write to request prior approval for proposed works at Rhymney Station pursuant to Part 11 Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 ('GPDO').

Amey Infrastructure Wales (AIW) became the Operator and Development Partner (ODP) of the Wales and Borders rail service and South Wales Metro in October 2018, working in partnership with Transport for Wales (TfW). In their role AIW will be undertaking a series of works on the Core Valley Lines part of the improvement of this section of the rail network, these works are known as the Core Valley Lines Transformation (CVLT). This project includes a number of upgrades that will modernise the network so that it can support more services of a higher quality.

One of these projects involves proposed works at Rhymney Station. The Proposed Development is shown on the following drawings (**Appendix A**) which are appended to this letter:

- TRAN01-KAW-R5-RHY-DDR-A-AR-000001 A01 (Rhymney Station Location Plan and Existing Site Plan)
- TRAN01-KAW-R5-RHY-DDR-A-AR-000002 A03 (Rhymney Station Existing Building Existing 3D View, Existing Ground Floor Plan and Proposed Alterations)
- TRAN01-KAW-R5-RHY-DDR-A-AR-000003 A03 (Rhymney Station Existing Building Proposed 3D View, Proposed Ground Floor Plan and Proposed Alterations)
- TRAN01-KAW-R5-RHY-DDR-A-AR-000006 A01 (Rhymney Station Existing Building Existing Elevations)
- TRAN01-KAW-R5-RHY-DDR-A-AR-000007 A01 (Rhymney Station Existing Building Proposed Elevations)
- TRAN01-KAW-R5-RHY-DDR-A-AR-000103 A03 (Rhymney Station New Staff Accommodation Proposed Ground Floor Plan)
- TRAN01-KAW-R5-RHY-DDR-A-AR-000106 A02 (Rhymney Station New Staff Accommodation Proposed External Elevations)
- TRAN01-KAW-R5-RHY-DDR-D-HW-000001 P05 (Rhymney Station Highways and Drainage General Arrangement)
- TRAN01-KAW-R5-RHY-DDR-D-HW-000002 P01 (Rhymney Station Highways and Drainage Construction Details)
- TRAN01-KAW-R5-RHY-DDR-D-HW-000003 P03 (Rhymney Station Highways and Drainage Vehicle Tracking)

- TRAN01-KAW-R5-RHY-DDR-D-HW-000004 P03 (Rhymney Station Highways and Drainage – Drainage Layout)
- TRAN01-KAW-R5-RHY-DDR-C-CV-000036 A01 (Rhymney Station Platform Extension General Arrangement)
- TRAN01-KAW-R5-RHY-DDR-C-CV-000037 A01 (Rhymney Station Cleaning Platforms General Arrangement)

The Cardiff and Valleys Railways (Transfer) Order 2019 transferred the rights and powers conveyed under the various railway enactments that form the Core Valley Line network from Network Rail to AIW. In this regard AIW can utilise the permitted development rights provided under Part 11 Class A of the GPDO to undertake development authorised by the various railway enactments set out in the 2019 Transfer Order.

AIW have provided a proforma (**Appendix B**) which describes the location and nature of the Proposed Development and examines each of the requirements of Part 11 Class A of the GPDO. The proforma sets out why the Proposed Development is permitted, and why it considers prior approval should be granted.

We would therefore be grateful if the Council could confirm if prior approval for the Proposed Development can be granted. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any queries or if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely



Bobby Clayton

Associate, AXIS (on behalf of KeolisAmey)



Cc: Sarwan Sumon

Encl:

Appendix A – Drawings referenced in the main body of this letter

Appendix B – Part 11 Proforma

Appendix C – Extract from the Rhymney Railways Act 1854 (amended 1864)