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FAO: Huw Roberts
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Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Civic Centre
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Dear Mr Roberts,

BUILDING TO CONTAIN WC AT MERTHYR TYDFIL STATION

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

I write to request prior approval for the construction of a building to contain a WC at Merthyr Tydfil 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 the construction of a building to contain a WC within Merthyr Tydfil Station ('Proposed Development'). The Proposed Development is shown on the following drawings which are appended to this letter:

- Merthyr Tydfil Station Existing Site Plan WC Cubicle Planning Issue (ref: TRAN01-KAW-R1-MER-DDR-A-AR-000004 A01);
- Merthyr Tydfil Station Site Plan WC Cubicle Planning Issue (ref: TRAN01-KAW-R1-MER-DDR-A-AR-000005 A01);
- Merthyr Tydfil Station Site Location Plan WC Cubicle Planning Issue (ref: TRAN01-KAW-R1-MER-DDR-A-AR-000006 A01);
- Merthyr Tydfil Station External Elevations WC Cubicle Planning Issue (ref: TRAN01-KAW-R1-MER-DDR-A-AR-000007 A01).

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 A) which describes the location and nature of the Proposed Development (including plans) 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,



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Encl: Appendix A – Merthyr Tydfil Station Permitted Development Proforma