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Dear Gareth

Declaration of congested infrastructure: Wrexham Central to Bidston

In accordance with the Railways (Access, Management and licensing of railway Undertakings) Regulations 2016, Network Rail is declaring the infrastructure between Wrexham Central and Bidston as congested infrastructure with effect from the 8th August 2022.

This declaration is being made under regulation 26 (2) because, following consideration of subsequent access requests during the December 2021 and May 2022 timetable period, Network Rail considers that this element of the infrastructure has become congested.

This declaration does not mean that all new requests for access on the designated infrastructure will be automatically rejected, because the route is not equally busy at all times of the day or week.

We are now preparing a capacity analysis report in accordance with the regulations, to be published by 31st January 2023. At present we do not intend to apply priority criteria or a scarcity charge to this infrastructure as permitted under the regulations; we believe that the current Network Code processes will suffice.

Yours sincerely

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