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By Email Only.

15th October 2021

Our Ref: VC/F2/2021/NWC/837

Dear Consultee

Avanti West Coast Proposed Vehicle Change: - Class 390 Reinstatement of EMU/MU classification

This Vehicle Change notice is issued in accordance with Condition F2.3.1 (c) of the Network Code and constitutes a formal proposal for a Vehicle Change by Network Rail on behalf of Avanti West Coast under Condition F2.

Avanti West Coast wishes to implement the Vehicle Change described above and has, pursuant to Condition F2.1(c), given permission to Network Rail to consult on its behalf with the parties shown on the attached distribution list. Conditions F2.3.1(b) and F2.3.1(c) enable all affected train operators to consider the Vehicle Change and bring to Network Rail'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 Network Rail what the direct costs and benefits of implementing the change are likely to be (if any).

This Vehicle Change notice outlines Avanti West Coast's proposal for Class 390 Reinstatement of EMU/MU classification.

A detailed specification of the changes to the Class 390 operated by Avanti West Coast is set out in Appendix A.

Avanti West Coast is proposing the change to enable the Cl.390s to operate when tilt passive at the new MU differential currently being introduced on the West Coast Main line as detailed in Appendix A.

Network Rail has detailed in Appendix B its estimate of the likely impact of the change on the operation of the network and its own proposals in relation to various matters relating to the proposed Vehicle Change as required under F2.3.1(c) (iv) and (v).

Network Rail must respond to this proposed Vehicle Change as required under F2.3.1 (c) (i). Network Rail is seeking comments from you and the persons listed in the attached distribution list to establish whether or not you are content for the change to be implemented. We invite you to consider the proposed Vehicle Change and forward your comments to us by **17.00hrs, 15th November 2021**. If a

formal response is not received by this date, you will be deemed to have accepted the proposal (including any offer of compensation) and to have no issues to raise with regard to the proposed Vehicle Change.

Please respond to this notice using the appropriate standard form (e), (f) or (g), each of which can be found on Network Rail's website.

Train Operators who may be materially affected by the change should, if compensation is being claimed, provide evidence of the impact of the proposed change on their business and inform Network Rail what the costs, direct losses, expenses (minus the benefits) of implementing the change are likely to be, in line with condition F3.2 and F 3.3, other than any such costs which are attributable to Avanti West Coast improving its ability to compete with other operators of railway assets. Such response should be of sufficient detail to enable Network Rail to provide a comprehensive response to Avanti West Coast on your behalf as required under Condition F3.

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

Wherever practically possible, please send all responses electronically to Network Rail. Please also send a signed hard copy of your response to the above address.

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

If you feel that only Avanti West Coast will be able to answer your queries, please contact:

Avanti West Coast
Victoria Square House
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I would appreciate a copy of any correspondence entered into.

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

Yours faithfully

Network Change Coordinator, North West & Central Region



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