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Dear Sir/Madam,

Charfield station – Prior Approval application P25/01610/PNS

Railfuture is Britain's leading and longest-established national independent voluntary organisation campaigning exclusively for a better railway across a bigger network for passengers, and freight users, to support economic (housing and productivity) growth, environmental improvement and better-connected communities. We seek to influence decision makers at local, regional and national levels to implement pro-rail policies in transport and development planning.

Our support for the proposed Charfield station was set out in our responses to two previous consultations, the first dated 10th January 2022 and followed-up on 31st October 2022 with regard to planning application P22/05778/R3F.

We are now pleased to be able to lend further support to the project with regard to the formal Request for Prior Approval under Part 18 Class A to Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the erection of a footbridge with lifts at Charfield Station.

In doing so we have in particular taken full account of the three supporting documents submitted, namely the covering letter dated 30th June 2025 from Network Rail, the Heritage Statement and the Design & Access Statement. We therefore recognise the inevitable trade-offs and the overall planning balance.

Yours faithfully,

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