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Your ref: BR/3/09/L

Dear Mrs Shiplee

BOGNOR REGIS RAILWAY STATION DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

In support of Southern's application for listed building consent for installing Victorian design railings across the concourse of Bognor Regis station, please find details of the design and fixing method and justification for Southern proposing the installation of this important security upgrade.

In 2007 Southern commenced with an action plan to obtain individual secure station accreditation awards at various stations throughout the Southern Network.

The initiative for the secure station accreditation awards as devised by the Department for Transport is to ensure train operating companies develop safe and secure environments for passengers in which to purchase tickets, wait for trains and make use of other station facilities without fear of crime.

Prior to a station qualifying for the secure accreditation surveys are carried out at the location by the Department for Transport and the British Transport Police and reports with recommended security upgrades are then submitted to the train operator. The report for Bognor Regis suggests that until the station can be closed at night and indeed during non operational hours that passengers and staff will always feel vulnerable in such an open space that through design is hidden from the general public.

Unfortunately Bognor Regis station is often subject to anti-social behaviour towards the end of the service causing upset and concern to both passengers and staff using and working at the station late at night.

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At present the perimeter railings forming the station boundary adjacent to Richmond road are in a poor state of dis-repair with the adjoining set of ornate gates so weak through past neglect (and their age) that they can no longer swing to a closed position.

This statement supports Southern's application to increase the security of the station by installing railings to match those existing along the perimeter and allow the station to be closed once the last train has departed and at other times when necessary when station managers and staff are dealing with anti-social behaviour.

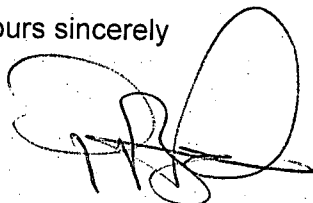
The railings will be secured across the span of the concourse bridging access from the station building towards the platforms supported by steel uprights chemically fixed into the concourse floor.

A single matching gate will be installed mid way along the railings span and hung on hook and band hinges.

The railings will be cast from mild steel, pre-Galvanised and powder coated in Black. The exact location of the railings is marked on supporting drawings submitted with Southern's application.

In order for Southern to obtain a secure station accreditation award for Bognor Station please confirm and approve Southern's application for listed building consent.

Yours sincerely



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