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15th January 2009

Mrs M Shiplee
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Your ref: BR/3/09/L

Dear Mrs Shiplee

BOGNOR REGIS RAILWAY STATION HERITAGE STATEMENT

Opened in 1864, Bognor Regis station was built to accommodate passengers travelling down from London to the sunny south coast.

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Fears that Bognor Regis would eventually develop into a commuter town once the service was established soon vanished.

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On writing on behalf of the train operator one would like to add that the train service has in recent years improved noticeably.

The station remains popular with holiday makers with many of them destined for the popular Butlins site.

In order to help to protect and secure the station concourse area and passenger facilities during non operational hours Southern propose to install a run of Victorian period designed railings spanning at right angles from the main station building across to the existing platform fencing.

The location of the fence is marked on an accompanying plan submitted with the listed building application.

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By obtaining listed building consent and installing the railings, Southern will be in a position to complete an essential security upgrade and the station will be awarded with a secure station accreditation validated and signed by the Department of Transport and the British Transport police.

The railings will be secured by matching steel uprights that will be chemically bolted to the concourse floor. The design of the railings will closely match the existing railings visible on the Richmond road side of the station and will be constructed from mild steel, pre-galvanised and powder coated and finished in black.

The strategic placement of the railings will not distract or obscure general views of the station concourse or affect the façade of the building through the fixing method.

This proposal seeks only to help preserve and project the existing environment at Bognor station

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Paul Best", written over a large, circular, stylized flourish or initial.

Paul Best
AREA FACILITIES MANAGER

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