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Dear Mr Clark

The National Skills Academy for Railway Engineering (NSARE) is an independent company wholly owned by its 320 Members. Developed by the industry for the industry, it is truly employer-led and is the only dedicated pan-industry skills body operating within the sector. The NSARE Board comprises 18 pan-industry Directors including large and SME employers.

NSARE does not deliver training but works with employers to understand their skills needs, with training providers to ensure they are delivering what the industry needs, and with other stakeholders, to make sure that the industry has people with the right skills.

We are happy to support in principle the inclusion of the following qualifications for public funding:

- 60101982 EAL Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Rail Engineering Track Maintenance (QCF)
- 60101581 EAL Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Rail Engineering Telecoms Maintainer and Fault Finder (QCF)
- 60101593 EAL Level 3 NVQ Certificate in Rail Engineering Traction and Rolling Stock (QCF)
- 60101969 EAL Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Rail Engineering Track Maintenance (QCF)
- 60101970 EAL Level 3 NVQ Certificate in Rail Engineering Electrification Maintenance (QCF)
- 60102469 EAL Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Rail Engineering Signalling Maintainer and Fault Finder (QCF)

We believe these qualifications are of an appropriate size and valuable for learners considering moving into rail engineering infrastructure maintenance and who may have been unemployed or are changing careers and are new to the industry. Therefore there is a strong focus on also providing them with the skills and knowledge

required for this role. It will also allow learners to develop the skills and knowledge they will need to progress into more specialist rail engineering roles and higher qualifications.

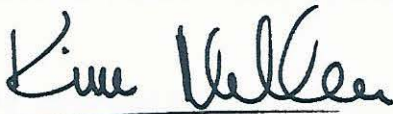
This qualification is suitable for learners 19+ and is focused on making an employee competent and work ready; however, it does not remove the need for any subsequent training they may require once they are employed.

We believe that these qualifications develop and confirm specialist knowledge and skills in the sector, to a standard required by industry employers.

The qualifications provide learners with the self-confidence and motivation to take advantage of the many opportunities for progression and development within the industry.

We are pleased to confirm that we consent to our name and logo being made publicly available on the SFA and EAL websites confirming our support as outlined above.

Yours sincerely



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