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CR/52488 (Certificate number : 64549)

## CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FOR STAGE 1 (BUSINESS) CLEARANCE (Commercial)

**Promoter reference number:** ME0322  
**Location/Nearest Station:** Okehampton  
**Territory:** WALES & WESTERN  
**Site Name:** Sampford Courtenay  
**Site Description:** ELR:193.52 M.Chns X262637.14 Y 98505.47 Location: disused platform at Sampford Courtenay Station. The community group will access the platform through the gate. The padlock will be daisy chained so that both the group and NR have access to the platform.

**Proposed Use:** 3 The Parish Council (Sampford Courtenay Environmental and Sustainability Group) would like to set up a community scheme on the disused platform. This would involve vegetation management, litter removal and looking after the two existing raised beds. In the future the group would like to erect a railway heritage board for visitors to learn the history of the station. Additional permission would be sought from NR before this was installed. The community scheme is managed under an annual communities licence and the group have completed the community rail safety pack. This includes a risk assessment and method statement and a safety brief that all volunteers will receive before starting work. Volunteers will wear pink community rail hi vis vests when working and will only use hand tools. The scheme has been approved by the Okehampton Re-opening Function Leads Steering Group and the Western Route Community Rail Panel.

**National Grid Reference:** 262658 , 98535  
**ELR Mileage:** DAC 193.1155  
**Type of Clearance:** Commercial - Community Scheme Licence  
**Time Frame:** Valid until 18-Mar-2024

**Approved** with the following conditions/ comments from Business Clearance Stakeholder/s (In issuing some certificates there may be no comments or conditions) :

1. Agnieszka Duleba of Engineering :  
Examination of Network Rail records has not identified any mining, dissolution or landfill issues at this site.
2. Loraine Simpson of Property :  
On behalf of Nigel Clements, Asset Engineer [Drainage], Network Operations: CR/52488 1. NR drainage assets / systems are not to be compromised by any proposed works 2. Potential exists for unknown assets to be in the area, if located, please advise drainage team 3. Drainage does not show up on Buried Service checks
3. Sandra Palmer of Property :  
In accordance with the Property Clearance Process NR/L2/PRO/001: The Promoter IS responsible for making sure that the conditions are complied with for both Business and/or Technical Clearances. ORR LC17 Condition: Please note that if this proposal falls within the scope of ORR Licence Condition 17 for disposals of Network Rail property, ORR consent may be required. Please contact the Clearance Team if further information is required or refer to Connect: <http://connect/Communities/regulation/land-disposal.aspx> Standard Access Condition: On Behalf of Commercial Estate: If the clearance is in respect of or includes a grant of an access then consideration should be given to specifying terms to lessen the risk of vehicle incursion to trackside, not only in relation to the clearance area itself but also to the applicant's adjoining ownership. Standard Safety Condition: This certificate, in itself, does NOT provide permission for any party to access Network Rail land and does NOT permit any works to be carried out on Network Rail land. Entering Network Rail land without completion of a separate formal contract signed by Network Rail compromises safety and will be treated as a trespass. Technical Clearance Technical Clearance must be submitted within 6 months from the date of this certificate in accordance with the Clearance Process.

This certificate is the **first step** to an agreement in principle to the proposed use of the footprint of land for a Commercial - Business Clearance. The **next step** is to obtain Technical Clearance, which can only follow on from a Business Clearance Approval. Business Clearance stakeholders that have been consulted are as follows - Property - National Mining Engineer - Freight Management - NDS - FTN/GSM-R - Operations and Customer Service - Network Development - Investment Projects - Planning.

### NOTES:

Business Clearance does not cover Buried Services/ Technical Clearance/Environmental Consultation with Operational Technical Colleagues. Where an easement is found to be partially affected by a proposed disposal, the disposal is to be subject to the existence of the easement for which there will be no appointment for easement rent.

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Yours Sincerely

Sandra Palmer  
Network Rail Clearance Team