

FAO: Rebekah Hincke

**Network Rail consultation response to AWDM/0203/26 - 22 South Farm Road Gaisford
Worthing West Sussex BN14 7AA**

Dear Rebekah,

Thank you for consulting Network Rail on the above planning application. Following review, Network Rail has the following comments:

In principle, the board is outside the required readable distance of signals at the Hove end of Worthing station, and it would not be able to be seen until a train had left Worthing going towards West Worthing in the other direction. However, the advertisement board and its content would be a distraction to train drivers as well as road users at the crossing.

It would not be agreeable to Network Rail if the illumination was active after sunset/during darkness, as the advertisement would be more prominent and the risk of light pollution cannot be ruled out. Additionally, mist or fog would likely cause lighting anomalies from the display during night time conditions.

To address these concerns, the applicant must guarantee a complete night time de-activation of the advertisement and ensure that changing hours of darkness throughout the year are also included as part of the de-activation. The advertisement board must not have any flashing features or special animations and the transitions every 10 seconds to a new advertisement must be done gradually so as not to distract.

It is noted in the supporting statement the applicant state they are *'open to discussion regarding the hours where luminance is set to zero'*. Agreement to ensure luminance is zero at dusk and from dawn is required to address the above and this must be adjustable to the changing hours of darkness as the year goes on.

Best Regards,

Craig