



# THE DOWNS

## MALVERN

6<sup>th</sup> April 2021

To HM Charity Commission

### **Downs Light Railway Trust, registered charity no. 513882**

The Downs Light Railway has operated within the grounds of the Downs School since the 1920s. The Downs Light Railway Trust (DLRT) was established in 1983 as a charitable trust that owns, maintains, and operates the Downs Light Railway as an educational resource, and it has carried out its charitable purposes on the same site since then with the permission of the school.

Following a review of governance, the Trustees of the DLRT have decided to modernise their constitutional arrangements by incorporating as a CIO. As part of the application process, they have requested that we provide evidence of the basis on which they use the site.

The site is now owned by The Downs Malvern College Preparatory School, as represented by its Board of Governors. We confirm that the DLRT continues to have our permission to use the site for its charitable purposes. It does so at no cost, with mutual benefit to the school through participation of school pupils in some of the DLRT's educational activities. It has not previously been necessary to formalise this permission, but we recognise that there is a need to do so for the DLRT to enhance and expand its educational offering by replacing its aging buildings. We fully support their Centenary Development Programme and we are currently working with the DLRT to put in place a formal agreement covering their use of the land on suitable terms to ensure eligibility for major grant funding as part of their fundraising.

Yours etc

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