

Public-Link Sign-Off Check

Use this lightweight quality gate in kickoff or pre-launch review for any public tracking, verification, self-service, or document-status link.

Question to ask	Strong answer example	Risk signal	Owner / status
What appears in the URL?	/track/status/k9Qx-7mP4 - no readable invoice, case, account, or sequence value.	/track/invoice/INV-104392 exposes business meaning.	
What can the public page return?	Only a safe status, confirmation, expiry message, or next-update instruction.	Shows internal notes, account IDs, staff comments, or workflow fields.	
How does the link fail?	Returns a generic not-found, expired, or unavailable message for invalid or guessed links.	Confirms whether a specific invoice, participant, account, or document exists.	
Who owns the boundary after handover?	Lookup model, returned fields, logging, and change rules are documented in handover.	Only one developer knows how the public link works.	

Use the check during discovery, before release, and whenever the public response changes.

The goal is to make self-service easier without making internal records readable from outside the system.

Use this as a discussion aid only. Avoid adding production credentials, customer records, or other sensitive data before access boundaries are agreed.