

27 February 2023

## **Closure Ratification Notice – Cottingley station**

1. On 18 March 2022 West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) asked the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) to ratify the proposal to close Cottingley station.
2. Following an additional consultation undertaken by WYCA, it submitted an updated consultation outcome report to ORR on 22 November 2022.
3. Further to s32(8) of the Railways Act 2005 (the Act), I am satisfied that:
  - a) there has been no failure or defect in the consultation; and
  - b) the proposal satisfies the criteria set out in the relevant part of the closure guidance issued under the Act.
4. Having considered the overall proposal, I hereby ratify the closure of Cottingley station.
5. Under s33(2) of the Act, ORR may “impose such requirements relevant to the proposal as it considers appropriate”. I do not consider it appropriate to impose such requirements in this case.
6. Under ORR’s powers in s32(9)(b) of the Act, I require the operator of Cottingley station to display this notice at the station for a period of 4 weeks following the date of this notice.
7. In addition, I require the operators of the stations in the area affected by the closure – Leeds and Morley stations – to display this notice at those stations for the same period.



**Gerry Leighton**  
**Duly authorised by the Office of Rail and Road**

