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Ratification request by Department for Transport - closure of Ravensthorpe Station

- 1) Please find enclosed a notice ratifying the closure of Ravensthorpe station. Under the power granted in s.32(9)(b) of the Railways Act 2005 (the Act), ORR requires the operator of Ravensthorpe station to display the ratification notice at the station for a period of 4 weeks following the date of the notice.
- 3) Please note that the notice also requires the operators of the stations in the area affected by the closure to display a copy of the closure ratification notice at those stations for a period of 4 weeks following the date of the notice.
- 4) I have, therefore, written separately to Northern Trains Limited and TransPennine Trains Limited concerning the requirement to display the closure ratification notice at the 37 stations listed in Appendix 1 where they are Station Facility Owner respectively.
- 5) I have written separately to Network Rail Infrastructure Limited concerning the requirement to display the notice at Leeds and Manchester Piccadilly stations.
- 6) I will today send a copy of the closure ratification notice to DfT, and to all the parties consulted by DfT. A copy of the notice will also appear on the ORR website and will be placed on the ORR public register.
- 7) In deciding whether to ratify this proposed closure, ORR has checked that DfT has:
 - a) provided ORR with the appropriate documentation;

b) followed the consultation requirements laid down in the Act, and by the Railways Closure Guidance issued by the Secretary of State on 18 October 2006;

c) reasonably applied the criteria for appraising such proposals, as laid out in the Railways Closure Guidance; and,

d) concluded that the proposal represents good value for money, and that this conclusion is reasonable.

8) During the process of considering ratification, the proposal was posted on the ORR website. We did not receive any representations in response to the publication of the proposal on ORR's website.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Dixon

Appendix 1 – List of stations required to display closure notice

a) Stations where Northern Trains Limited is the Station Facility Owner

Atherton	Howden	Salford Crescent
Batley	Littleborough	Slaithwaite
Brighouse	Manchester Victoria	Smithy Bridge
Cottingley	Marsden	Sowerby Bridge
Daisy Hill	Mirfield	Swinton
Deighton	Moorside	Todmorden
Garforth	Morley	Walkden
Greenfield	Mytholmroyd	Walsden
Hag Fold	Ravensthorpe	Wigan Wallgate
Hebden Bridge	Rochdale	
Hindley	Salford Central	

b) Stations where TransPennine Trains Limited is the Station Facility Owner

Brough
Dewsbury
Huddersfield
Hull Paragon
Selby
Stalybridge