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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

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Dear Gary,

**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) TransPennine Trains Limited is required to display the closure ratification notice at the 6 stations listed in Appendix 1 b where it is Station Facility owner.
- 5) I have written separately to Northern Trains Limited concerning the requirement to display the notice at the 31 stations listed in Appendix 1 a. I have also written 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**

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

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

**Brough**

**Dewsbury**

**Huddersfield**

**Hull Paragon**

**Selby**

**Stalybridge**