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Martin Hau  
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Dear Mr Hau

**Norton Bridge station – Department for Transport request for ratification of closure**

- 1) I am writing further to your letter of 25 August 2017 requesting ratification of the proposal to close Norton Bridge station.
- 2) Please find enclosed a notice ratifying the closure of Norton Bridge station. The Office of Rail and Road (ORR), under the power granted in s.32(9)(b) of the Railways Act 2005 (the Act), requires London & Birmingham Railway Limited to display the ratification notice at Norton Bridge station for a period of 4 weeks following the date of the notice.
- 2) The notice also requires the operator of the stations in the area affected by the closure - Barlaston, Birmingham New Street, Coseley, Crewe, Dudley Port, London Euston, Penkridge, Sandwell and Dudley, Smethwick Galton Bridge, Smethwick Rolfe Street, Stafford, Stone, Tipton and Wedgewood stations - to display a copy of the closure ratification notice at those stations for a period of 4 weeks following the date of the notice. I have written to Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, London & Birmingham Railway Limited and West Coast Trains Limited regarding this requirement.
- 3) I will today send a copy of the closure ratification notice to all the parties consulted by the Department for Transport. A copy of the notice will also appear on ORR's website and will be placed on ORR's public register.
- 4) In deciding whether to ratify this proposed closure, ORR has checked and confirms that the Department for Transport has:
  - a) provided ORR with the appropriate documentation;
  - b) followed the consultation requirements laid down in the Act, and by the Railways



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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.

5) During the process of considering ratification, the proposal was posted on the ORR website. We did not receive any representations in relation to the request for ratification. .

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Hector Anderson', written in a cursive style.

**Hector Anderson**