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Charlie Sunderland
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Dear Mr Sunderland

Woodlands Road station – Department for Transport request for ratification of closure

- 1) I am writing further to your letter of 16 April 2013 requesting ratification of the proposal to close Woodlands Road station.
- 2) Please find enclosed a notice ratifying the closure of Woodlands Road station. The Office of Rail Regulation (ORR), under the power granted in s.32(9)(b) of the Railways Act 2005 (“the Act”), requires Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) to display the ratification notice at Woodlands Road station for a period of 4 weeks following the date of the notice.
- 3) I will today send a copy of the closure ratification notice to the operator, and to all the parties consulted by the DfT. A copy of the notice will also appear on the ORR website and will be placed on the ORR public register.
- 4) In deciding whether to ratify this proposed closure, ORR has checked that the 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.
 - 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 received comments from Manchester City Council, Transport for Greater Manchester and a local passenger group - the Save our Station Woodlands Road Committee. We have replied to those parties separately.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Freer