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Dear Paul,

RATIFICATION REQUEST FOR CLOSURE OF RAILWAY PASSENGER SERVICES BETWEEN WANDSWORTH ROAD, KENSINGTON (OLYMPIA) AND EALING BROADWAY

Following the recent consultation in respect of the proposal to discontinue the limited railway passenger services between Wandsworth Road, Kensington (Olympia) and Ealing Broadway, and the publication of the summary of responses and the Department's comments, Simon Burns, Minister of State for Transport, has agreed that the Office of Rail Regulation ('ORR') be requested formally to ratify the closure.

I am advising you under section 32(4) of the Railways Act 2005 that the proposal is a modified proposal. The description of the network for closure as described in the consultation document was wider than necessary. The stretch of track between Factory Junction and Longhedge Junction will be used by the new London Overground services and therefore will not be affected by this proposal. The route "sub-section" #1 in the Consultation Document is therefore shortened to read "Longhedge Junction to Latchmere Junction no.1".

Paragraph 24 of ORR's Procedures for Reviewing Closure References suggests that the summary of responses be published for four weeks prior to reference, but I understand that ORR is happy to receive the relevant documents now.

Documents making up the closure submission are:

1. Closure consultation document
2. DfT Closure Notice

3. Copy of Statutory Notice published in newspapers
4. Copy of other Statutory consultation letters (to the Mayor of London, London TravelWatch, Passenger Focus, Southern, First Great Western, Ealing Council, Hammersmith & Fulham Council, Lambeth Council, Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, West London Line Group, Valerie Shawcross AM and Transport for London)
5. Copy of consultation letter to Transport for London
6. Copy of response from London TravelWatch, including copies of consultation responses received by them
7. Copies of responses received directly by DfT (not included in London TravelWatch's response)
8. Summary of responses with DfT comments.

Electronic copies of these documents are attached to this e-mail.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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