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Dear Mr. Causebrook,

APPEAL AGAINST CLOSURE OF SINFIN CENTRAL AND SINFIN NORTH STATIONS AND REMOVAL OF PASSENGER SERVICES BETWEEN MELBOURNE JUNCTION AND SINFIN CENTRAL

On 21 May, the Rail Regulator issued his decision, under section 43(9) of the Railways Act 1993, to consent, subject to conditions, to the closure of Sinfin Central and Sinfin North railway stations and the discontinuance of passenger services between Melbourne Junction and Sinfin Central.

Under section 44 of the Railways Act 1993 any person aggrieved by the Regulator's decision may appeal to the Department, in writing, not later than 4 weeks after the decision. During that period I received a total of 7 objections to the Rail Regulator's decision.

Having considered all the evidence put before me I have decided to confirm the Rail Regulator's decision to close both stations (and two of the conditions placed upon those closures). However, in order to alleviate any hardship to the small number of existing users, I have decided to require Central Trains Limited to continue to operate the taxi service from Derby station to the Sinfin area until the end of its franchise in April 2004.

I am writing in similar terms to the Rail Regulator, the Franchising Director, Railtrack PLC, Central Trains Limited, and to the other relevant Members of Parliament in the Derby area (Margaret Beckett, Bob Laxton and Mark Todd). Officials will also be writing to the RUCC for the Midlands, and all those who lodged objections with the Department. In addition, notices will be posted at every station within the area affected by the closure. The stations affected, in addition to Sinfin Central and Sinfin North themselves, are Peartree, Derby, Duffield, Belper, Ambergate, Whatstandwell, Cromford, Matlock Bath, Matlock and Burton-on-Trent.

Sincerely.

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Dear Mr Brown,

THE RAILWAYS ACT 1993

CLOSURE OF SINFIN CENTRAL & SINFIN NORTH STATIONS AND REMOVAL OF PASSENGER SERVICES BETWEEN MELBOURNE JUNCTION AND SINFIN CENTRAL.

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of his powers under section 46(1) of the Railways Act 1993, hereby varies the condition imposed in his decision of 27 August 1998 made pursuant to section 43(9) of the Railways Act 1993 consenting to the closure of Sinfin Central and Sinfin North stations and the discontinuance of passenger services between Melbourne Junction and Sinfin Central (the "decision letter").

The decision letter shall be varied as follows:

> Removal of the words in paragraph 3 "However, in order to alleviate any hardship to the small number of existing users, I have decided to require Central Trains Limited to continue to operate the taxi service from Derby station to the Sinfin area until the end of its franchise in April 2004."

The variation to the decision letter shall have immediate effect.

Yours sincerely

Bronwyn Hill
Signed by the Authority of the
Secretary of State for Transport