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TRANSPORT

RAILWAYS

The Closures Guidance (Railway Services in England and Wales) Order 2006

Made---26th October 2006Laid before Parliament27th October 2006Coming into force-1st December 2006

The Secretary of State for Transport makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 43(3)(a) and section 56(5) of the Railways Act 2005(a).

In accordance with section 43(4) of that Act, the National Assembly for Wales has consented to the making of this Order in relation to the proposals referred to in article 2(1).

In accordance with section 42(7) of that Act

- (a) the Secretary of State; and
- (b) the National Assembly for Wales (in relation to the proposals referred to in regulation 2(1));

have consulted with such persons operating railway passenger services, networks and stations that are affected by the closures guidance and with such other persons as they think appropriate.

In accordance with section 43(1) of that Act, the Secretary of State has laid a copy of the closures guidance before each House of Parliament.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as Closures Guidance (Railway Services in England and Wales) Order 2006 and shall come into force on 1st December 2006.
 - (2) In this Order, "the Act" means the Railways Act 2005.

Closures guidance

- **2.** The closures guidance dated 18th October 2006 and laid before Parliament on 24th October 2006 is to have effect in relation to—
 - (1) the proposals referred to in section 42(3) of the Act; and
 - (2) the proposals referred to in section 42(4) of the Act.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Tom Harris
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

26th October 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to the closures guidance which is required to be published by the Secretary of State and by the Secretary of State jointly with the National Assembly for Wales.

The closures guidance relates to the following proposals:

- (a) proposals to discontinue any service or services in England only or in Wales only;
- (b) proposals to discontinue any service or services part of which are in England and part of which are in Wales:
- (c) proposals to discontinue a network or part of a network that is wholly in England or wholly in Wales;
- (d) proposals to discontinue a network or part of a network part of which is in England and part of which is in Wales; and
- (e) proposals to discontinue the use or operation of any station or part of a station in England or Wales.

A copy of the closures guidance may be obtained from The Stationery Office Limited (mail, telephone, fax and e-mail orders only) PO Box 29, Norwich NR3 1GN (telephone orders 0870 600 5522, fax orders 0870 600 5533, e-mail book.orders@tso.co.uk, textphone 0870 240 3701, internet http://www.tso.co.uk/bookshop) and from The Stationery Office bookshops or can be downloaded free of charge from the Department for Transport website at: www.dft.gov.uk.

A regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business, charities, voluntary bodies or the private sector.