

The Railways Act 1993

Minor Closure (Barrow crossings at Bedford, Luton and St Albans Stations)

DfT-2006/No. 30

Whereas:

- (a) Network Rail Infrastructure Limited has advised the Strategic Rail Authority ("SRA") that it proposes to terminate the use of parts of Bedford, Luton and St Albans Stations, details of which are set out in the Schedule to this determination ("the relevant facility"), on or after the date of this determination ("the closure proposal"):
- (b) Under the terms of the Railways Act 1993 (the "Act") and the Railways Act 2005 (Commencement No. 7, Transitional and Saving Provisions Order) 2006¹ (the "Order"), following the abolition of the SRA it is the Secretary of State who will determine whether or not the closure is a minor closure;
- (b) the relevant facility has, within the period of five years preceding the date of the closure proposal, been used in connection with the provision of services for the carriage of passengers by railway;
- (c) the relevant facility is not one which was operated on behalf of the Strategic Rail Authority (or now by the Secretary of State);

and

I, being of the opinion that the operation of the relevant facility is not necessary for the use of the station for the purpose of, or in connection with, the provision of services for the carriage of passengers by railway

in exercise of powers under Section 41 of the Act delegated to me, determine that the closure proposal is a minor closure within the meaning of Section 41(9) of the Act.

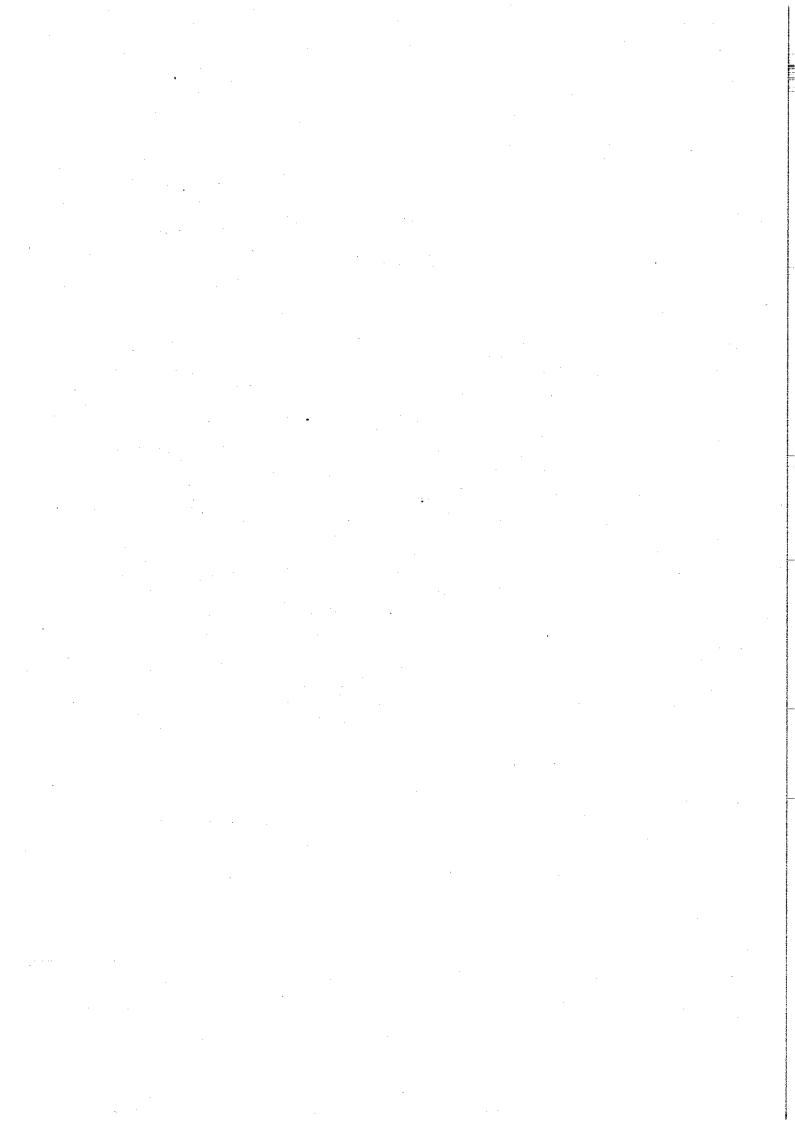
It is a condition of the closure that Network Rail will not remove the barrow crossings until alternative step free access is available at each location.

Dated ist February 2007

Rowan Smith Divisional Manager,

For and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport

¹ SI 2006/2911



SCHEDULE

The subject of the closure proposal and this determination are the barrow crossings as marked on the attached plans of Bedford, Luton and St Albans Stations.

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