

RAILWAYS ACT 2005

PROPOSAL BY OPERATOR TO CLOSE ANGEL ROAD STATION

Network Rail has notified the Department for Transport that it proposes to close Angel Road station upon opening a new station nearby to be called Meridian Water.

Under section 29(7)(a) of the Railways Act 2005, the Secretary of State, as the relevant railway funding authority, is required to carry out a consultation concerning any proposal to discontinue the use of a station.

This notice is made in compliance with the statutory requirements in Schedule 7 to the Railways Act 2005 and relates to the closure of the following station:

• Angel Road station, which is located on the West Anglia Main Line between Northumberland Park and Ponders End stations.

A new station, to be called Meridian Water, is currently under construction approximately 580 metres to the south-west of Angel Road station. On commissioning, services that currently stop at Angel Road station will stop at the new station. Following the Railways Closures Guidance 2006, Network Rail, as network operator, has carried out an initial assessment of whether retaining the existing station as part of the national rail network represents value for money. Network Rail concluded that closing Angel Road station and opening a new station at Meridian Water offered better value for money. It is proposed that, subject to successful completion of the closure process, the existing station will be closed when the new station is opened, on or after 19 May 2019.

Anyone wishing to see Network Rail's initial assessment, and a summary of it, may view the consultation document on the Department for Transport's website at www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/open

The consultation document may also be inspected at the Department for Transport's offices at Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 4DR. Alternatively, copies can be obtained from Andrew Johnson at the same address or by email from <u>AngelRoad.Consultation@dft.gov.uk</u> Copies will be provided free of charge.

Representations about the proposal should be sent to: <u>AngelRoad.Consultation@dft.gov.uk</u>

or Angel Road Station Consultation, Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 4DR

no later than 21 November 2018.