

*These notes refer to the Railways Act 2005 (c.14)  
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# **RAILWAYS ACT 2005**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SCHEDULES**

#### ***Schedule 8: Proposals to discontinue excluded London services***

235. This Schedule sets out closure procedures which apply to excluded London services as defined in section 25 which are designated under that section as services to which Schedule 8 applies. At present, these are principally services operated by Transport for London, that is London Underground, Docklands Light Railway and Croydon Tramlink. The procedures in this schedule are similar to those for qualifying London services in Schedule 5 to the 1993 Act.
236. This Schedule only applies where the operator initiates the proposal. There is a 6 week consultation. The London Transport User Committee has a duty to consider objections to the proposals and make a report to the Mayor on hardship that might arise. The Mayor takes the final decision on whether the closure should be allowed. For those involving services wholly or partly outside Greater London, for example the western end of the London Underground Metropolitan line, he has a duty to consult local authorities in the areas affected.