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Stoke to Caudon Low, Leek to Alton - "MCR a railway line with access North, South, East and West"

## CVR

### Statement by CVR Chairman on Proposed Joint Working Arrangements

The Churnet Valley Railway (CVR) has been working very closely on this project with Moorland & City Railways (MCR) and believe the purchase of the lines back to Stoke, east to Caudon Lowe and north towards Leek will be of immense benefit to ourselves and the local community. These lines when restored will allow the CVR to accept excursion traffic, prestigious guest locomotives and will eventually enable local stations to be reconnected to the network. The whole project is tremendously interesting and exciting and will give CVR a considerable increase in route mileage at little or no cost to the company.

*A Hancock Chairman CVR Plc - 15th October 2009*

### Notice to CVR Shareholders

[You may] "be aware from publicity issued by the Office of Rail Regulation and others that two CVR directors, Gregory Wilson and David Kemp have formed Moorland & City Railways Limited, initially to acquire the Stoke to Caudon Low line and, following that, to pursue opportunities for extensions of the line where possible, eg., to Leek. So far, MCR have acquired Leekbrook Junction and the line to Caudon Low and have the remainder of the line to Stoke under unconditional contract with Network Rail for completion next March. MCR has raised all its own funding which has enabled much progress to be made in a very short time and intends to proceed with the renovation of the line in the near future".

*A Hancock Chairman CVR Plc - 9th September 2009*

## MCR

### Objectives:

- To carry freight from Lafarge's Cement UK works at Caldun Lowe Quarry (Phase 1)
- To provide Park and Ride facilities at Stoke Station to transport passengers direct to Alton Towers Theme Park (Phase 2)
- To reconnect Leek with the Potteries and the national rail network
- To reopen 30 miles of track covering four different routes across the region

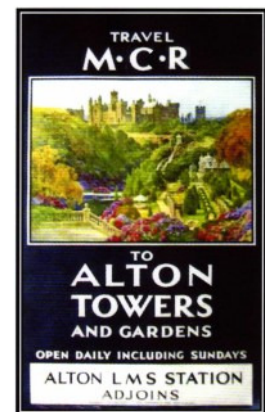
### Timescales:

- 150 year lease on line from Leekbrook to Stoke-on-Trent starts = March 2010
- Clearing lines and upgrading the track to start within 9 months = July 2010
- Freight operations to return within two years = November 2011
- Project completion with four years = November 2013

### Benefits:

- Creation of local jobs
- Take both freight and passengers off the road
- Connection with the National Network enabling prestigious guest locomotives to visit the Churnet Valley Railway
- Provide a moral and financial boost to the Churnet Valley Railway establishing it as a major national heritage attraction
- Open up line side regeneration possibilities starting from Stoke

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*Reworked LMS poster from pre grouping days! Alton Towers Station closed to passengers in January 1965*

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