

## **Internal email exchange concerning religious involvement at Wakefield Westgate Opening Ceremony**

### **1. Email from Property & Projects Director to Director of Communications and Head of Communications, sent 8 July 2013:**

Paul

Please see the attached letter from Bishop of Wakefield which I have sat on for a bit of time. As you will see he is asking if we can name a train after the diocese in commemoration of its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. While this is undoubtedly a worthy cause, I wonder if we would want to have another 'Christian' train naming so soon after the Durham Cathedral naming?

However, we do have the opening of the new station building coming up in November and it would add to this, and to the additional marketing we are going to be doing in the West Riding if we had a train named 'City of Wakefield'. I don't see a need for it to be a full loco vinyl but it would go down well in the city and I daresay the Bishop would come and give it his blessing. We could name it in Leeds on the day of the station opening and make quite an impact.

I would be happy to discuss with you and understand your thoughts. I also think we need to be getting a date in the Secretary of State's diary. Have you been able to progress that?

Regards

Tim

### **2. Response to above email by Director of Communications, sent the same day:**

Thanks Tim. I do think these need to be managed carefully, and as you say, to do another Christian affiliated naming would just not be right, at least yet. The other issue is that we won't be in a position to fund others for the remainder of the year.

Paul