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### **An Update from Goostrey Parish Council on Goostrey Railway Sidings**

Dear Residents

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who responded to our letter of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 regarding the possible purchase of the 6.4 acres of railway sidings land at Station Road. We sent out 980 letters and although the time to reply was only one week, we received 616 replies before the deadline. This represents 33.3% of the total electorate of Goostrey Parish and is a high return for consultations of this kind.

Analysis of the returns showed 542 votes (88%) in favour of making an offer and 73 votes (12%) against.

The Parish Council had an in-depth discussion on the outcome of the vote and reviewed all the individual comments that were submitted. The benefits and risks were also considered. As a result, it was decided to make an offer which was felt to be both realistic and within the financial limit given in the survey letter.

Unfortunately, we have now been informed by the land agents that they have received and accepted a “significantly higher” offer and therefore we have been unsuccessful in purchasing the land. We don’t have any information at this time on who is the purchaser or their intentions for the land.

We very much appreciate the high level of interest that the community has shown in this initiative and thank you again for all the responses.

*Sharon Jones*

Clerk to Goostrey Parish Council