

Dear Sir or Madam

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Thank you for producing the Rail 2014 - Public Consultation and requesting views on future services. My comments are -

Rail Network (page 7, 1.2) I am very happy with the investment in the Scottish rail network and ask you to expand it by extending from Larkhall to the next area of population and upgrading the freight line from Alloa to Dunfermline for passenger use. The more people we can get out of cars the better! I also ask you to upgrade the Crossrail St. John's link through central Glasgow (the freight line over the River Clyde) which would make possible direct journeys from Ayr to Edinburgh, Oban to Berwick etc. It's such an obvious link.

Location of stations (page 45, 7.11) (!... which current stations are no longer required!) Do not close any stations.

Station facilities (page 47, 7.22) At Pollokshields West, Glasgow, the waiting 'shelter' has four vertical columns and a convex roof. Unlike the bus shelter type it gives hardly any protection from rain and none from wind. I have seen two references to this structure in print, one in a recent book about the Cathcart Circle. Could proper sheltering be added to it to make waiting acceptable for passengers?



Cross border services, Edinburgh  
hub (page 51, 8.8) Do not terminate trains  
at Edinburgh Waverley.  
Waste (page 65, 12.4) Yes,  
require the industry to embed zero waste  
principles in their business operations.

Yours Faithfully  
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