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I am a resident in Maryhill Park whose nearest station is Maryhill on the Anniesland to Queen Street line. I regularly use the service in both directions. The stations at Kelvindale, Maryhill, Summerston and Gilsochill serve separate suburban areas and closure of one would not lead to passengers walking to an adjacent one but rather to the use of buses or private transport.

The road system is radial within NW Glasgow with routes such as Great Western road, Maryhill Road and Balmore Road running directly to the city centre. The rail route is circumferential until it reaches north of Queen Street when it goes directly into the station. For commuting to the city centre the rail route is fast and reliable. In contrast, public transport on the main road arteries is slow and much less reliable and buses, even with bus lanes, have to contend with too many single-occupancy private cars. We need more and better public transport, not the closure of well used stations to wean motorists away from their private cars for commuting.