



THE ARCHITECTURAL
HERITAGE SOCIETY
OF SCOTLAND

*For the study and
protection of Scottish
architecture*

Respondent Information Form and Questions

Please Note this form **must** be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately

1. Name/Organisation

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3. Permissions - I am responding as...

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Please tick as appropriate

- (a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

Please tick as appropriate ☐ Yes ☐ No

- (b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis

Please tick ONE of the following boxes

- (c) The name and address of your organisation **will be** made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site).

Are you content for your **response** to be made available?

Please tick as appropriate ☒ Yes ☐ No

Yes, make my response, name and address all available	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(d) We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Please tick as appropriate ☒ Yes ☐ No

The Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland (AHSS) is an independent membership-based charity that works to promote the study and protection of Scotland's historic buildings. The AHSS welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Rail 2014 consultation as the Society has an interest in all legislation, policy, documents and guidelines that have ramifications for historic buildings. The AHSS has approximately 1000 members across Scotland and beyond. Its members work or have an interest in architectural history, architectural conservation, heritage management, planning advice, museums and many other related fields.

The Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland urges Transport Scotland to remember the importance of heritage in the future of Scotland's railways and to give it a significant role in the new tendering process. The Ministerial Forward of the Consultation says, "We believe that we can achieve a distinctly Scottish railway", but this can only be done through a proper respect and care for the historic environment of the railways in Scotland. The railways were built and owned by Scottish companies, principally the Caledonian, the Highland, the North British and the Great North of Scotland, and their different characters are still reflected in their surviving buildings and structures. Scotland contains perhaps the most famous and iconic railway structure in the world, the Forth Bridge, but this is only one among several hundred listed buildings and structures, each important in its own way and to its own locality. It has been shown time and again that the travelling public responds to a railway of character, with varied architecture in the stations, and the handsome and welcoming spaces that the Victorian and Edwardian designers were so good at. We urge Transport Scotland, when considering the future of stations, not to allow the demolition of any further listed buildings or structures, and, further, to encourage their enhancement and greater use. A railway can be efficient without character but it cannot be Scottish, and it will never be loved, admired or used with interest by the public. We thus urge that specific commitments to the historic environment of the railway should be included in the future tendering process and that Transport Scotland should continue to support Network Rail in its proper maintenance of many listed structures, as well as Glasgow Central and Edinburgh Waverley stations.