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As a resident of Ward 15 Maryhill Kelvin, I write to you to express my concern over the threat to three of our stations.

I have lived in this area for 23 years and remember the joy that the opening of the line through the north end of the city from Maryhill to Queen Street station brought to the people of the area. It was such an appreciated success that even more joy was brought when it was extended through Kelvindale to Anniesland.

As a pensioner I use this service frequently as do many other pensioners, people who do not own a car and people on low incomes. It seems rather bizarre and cruel to give with one hand and to propose taking away with the other!

As a former teacher with Glasgow City Council I have also taught in the north end of the city and have watched helplessly the closure of schools across the area - causing decay instead of the hoped for regeneration which other cities are experiencing! Several years ago Possilpark secondary school was closed and a percentage of the pupils there were designated to go to North Kelvinside Secondary where they would join pupils from Summerston. Not too long after this, surprise, surprise, North Kelvinside Secondary closed and the pupils were then hived off into Cleveden Secondary School. The improved rail link through to Anniesland enabled these travelling pupils to embark the train at Summerston and disembark at Kelvindale, followed by a healthy walk over the Cleveden hill.

If the proposed closures go ahead it will sound the final death knell for the north end of the city and the isolation of the poor, the elderly and the lonely! Strange that I have not read anything about proposed closures of Hyndland or Jordanhill stations which are within spitting distance of Partick and Anniesland stations or perhaps the study yet has to look at the prosperous, car-loving west end!