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The City of Brechin and District Community Council would like to make the following points in connection with the Rail 2014 consultation:

1. In section 8, we strongly oppose the suggestion that cross border services be terminated at Edinburgh. We value through services from Montrose to London. Changing trains is a significant disincentive to long distance travel. Changing from one operator to another can cause significant problems if there are delays and missed connections. So our response to question 29 is a strong Yes – cross border services should continue to run north of Edinburgh.

We support the view stated in 9.20 that the rolling stock provided by Scotrail for journeys from Montrose to Edinburgh and Glasgow is substandard in terms of what should be expected from an intercity rather than a suburban service.

2. In section 11 we wish to retain sleeper services from Montrose to England. So we would wish the sleeper services provided to be specified and we would wish one of the specified services to be the sleeper service to Aberdeen, calling at Montrose and Arbroath.

3. In terms of station facilities, we commend the installation of windows in the shelter on the west side of the station at Montrose (the north bound platform) so that people can view Montrose Basin and the wildlife.

However access for disabled people to the north bound platform is very poor and provision for lifts should be made. Car parking is sometimes a problem and ways need to be investigated of improving this – perhaps through a deal with the local Co-operative supermarket.

4. We note with disappointment that there is no mention in the document of provision for a connection with an extended Caledonian railway so that a rail connection between Brechin and Montrose can be restored.

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