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I must express my concern about plans to close Maryhill train station along with other railway stations.

I use Maryhill station each day to get me to and from work. I also use the line most weekends to go into town.

I feel the decision to close certain stations is just a precursor to closing the Anniesland to Queen Street line. I think the aim is to put people off trying to use the trains and then say, "Oh well, there isn't much a demand here so we may as well close the Anniesland line"

People will be put off if they have to walk a greater distance to get their train, especially if the weather is bad or they have to walk in the dark. They will just get the bus instead. But as they are also owned by First, that company is in a Win/Win situation.

How much money would actually be saved by closing Maryhill and other stations? As they are unmanned stations, I would think very little. That's why I think line closure is the real agenda.

The Scottish Government and First make noises about being green and encouraging transport methods to help the environment. I think there is an element of hypocrisy here.

Profit margins seem here to take precedence over the needs of Glasgow's citizens. Glasgow Citizens' needs, I feel are not being considered here.

Therefore, I would ask the Scottish Government the First Organisation to reconsider their closure proposals and put the needs of Glasgow's citizens at the top of the agenda instead