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Sirs

I write as a regular user of rail services in South Scotland. I commute on a daily basis from Lockerbie to Carlisle on the excellent FTP service & my wife & I often use the services from Lockerbie to either Glasgow or Edinburgh at weekends.

However, i live in Moffat, which is about 15 miles north of Lockerbie, & so for me to get anywhere by rail i firstly have a 30 minute drive to get to Lockerbie station! This is tolerable, though not ideal, when journeying south but makes no sense at all when heading north. I could be well on the way to Glasgow in the time it takes me to get to Lockerbie on our weekends trips! I am always keen to keep my "footprint" as green as possible but this kind of scenario doesn't really make sense does it?!

Would it not make sense to consider the reopening of the old Beattock station? I know i am not the only one who uses the train regularly from Lockerbie & yet lives in Moffat, & who would benefit from this. Also, the proximity of Beattock to the A701 road up from Dumfries to the A74(M) motorway would make getting the train to journey north a far more attractive, & quicker, option to folk from the Dumfries area, as opposed to either driving the whole journey or using the local Dumfries train service up to Glasgow. By using the north junction off the A701 to get to Beattock station this would minimise through traffic in Beattock village itself.

As i say, just a thought but one that i believe is worth considering given the need to switch as much passenger traffic from road to rail in the coming years.

Kind regards,
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