

Mina Cummings

Proposed closure of Kelvindale, Maryhill and Gilshochill railway stations

Dear sir/madam

With reference to the matter of the closure of the stations already mentioned above..

I think that this idea is absolutely appalling!

I use this service on a regular basis & along with other residents in the area, was actually hoping that this service would have been extended to include Sundays.

The infrastructure at these stations has been in place for quite a while now so there is no cost saving in ceasing to use them. They are not manned so there are no jobs in question. As far as I can see, they are reasonably low maintenance & are very convenient for the local population.

Trains shall be travelling along this line anyway. Is there an issue if, in order to pick up passengers at a location convenient to them, they actually stop for a few minutes at these stations? I thought that this was the whole purpose of a railway system.

I was also under the impression that there was a political desire to get more people using public transport. Must I revert to using my car to travel to town adding to traffic congestion and parking problems?

For my own part, I predominantly use Kelvindale station which has been a great advantage to the area. There is no way that I would consider Anniesland to be a "local" amenity. Particularly in the winter, I would have to consider using another mode of transport to even get to Anniesland (there is no means of transport to get to Summerston). and for most people this would also incur an extra fare to be paid. This would completely defeat the purpose of using the train... There has already been a move to terminate the number 11 bus service, which in this area would leave a lot of, in some cases, very vulnerable people, stranded. Unless, of course, they were fit enough to take the quickest route to Anniesland station, which would be a trek on foot, along the bank of the Forth & Clyde Canal. This would be less than ideal, particularly in bad weather, for the more elderly members of our community.

I can assure you that any political party who is implicit in the closure of these stations will not be receiving my vote in either local, national or European elections.

It is my belief that the powers that be should be guided by the wishes of the local community, who, after all, are the people who voted them into office and that they should strive to fulfill the needs and preferences of the residents of the affected areas.