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Rail 2014  
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Buchanan House  
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Glasgow  
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Dear Sir/Madam

### **RAIL 2014 CONSULTATION**

I wish to respond specifically to section seven of the consultation regarding Scottish Stations.

The consultation, while not proposing any specific station, does seek to consult on "which current stations are no longer required".

This has given rise to serious concerns over the future of stations on the Queen Street to Anniesland northern suburban line. I wish to therefore set out my objection to any threat that Gilshochill, Maryhill or Kelvindale stations might be viewed as falling within the scope of stations which are viewed as no longer required.

The current service from Queen Street high level has proved very popular since it was reinstated in 1993 and even more so since it was extended to Anniesland in 2005.

Kelvindale has achieved over 100,000 passenger journeys, while Gilshochill has seen journeys increase by more than 40,000, from 33,130 trips to 74,051. All three stations are well used and passenger numbers continue to grow.

The stations are also unique to their geography and transport links. Gilshochill is a main transport route to Lambhill Cemetery and the station also compensates for poor alternative public transport. Kelvindale is a main route for pupils attending Cleveden Secondary School, avoiding the previous need for pupils to take two or even three buses to access their school and Maryhill compensates for poor transport from the Maryhill Park area as well as providing a main route for employees to get to local businesses.

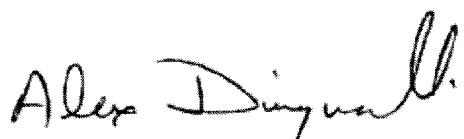
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My constituents have voiced in petitions and direct submissions their opposition to any proposal which might affect stations on this line. Transport Scotland will also be aware that EGIP also threatens this same line by proposing to remove access to Queen Street High Level platform space. I am disappointed that the Minister has been unable to give any reassurance on that second threat to this line.

On that point I would urge fuller and more meaningful public consultation meetings, in addition to station events, on any closure proposals affecting my ward and on the second round of EGIP consultation.

Yours sincerely



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