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Dear Sir,

I wish to express my views on the Transport Scotland document 'Rail 2014 – Public Consultation'.

I deplore the threat to close Kelvindale rail station. This is a vital link both to the city centre and to Anniesland station. The station and the rail track between Maryhill and Anniesland stations are relatively new and it would be utterly inappropriate to axe this service at a time when public transport is so important to counter carbon emissions and road traffic congestion.

Recently First Buses attempted to reduce the no 11 service on the grounds that there was a rail service in Kelvindale. This produced a huge adverse public response and as a consequence, the 11 bus service was reinstated to provide evening services which had been removed.

Anniesland station is too difficult to reach from Kelvindale and is no substitute for the existing station and Maryhill line. The bus service is minimal and often unpunctual. The inconvenience of not having the Maryhill line is obvious on a Sunday when under the existing timetable there is no service.

Instead of cutting rail services these should be extended. The Maryhill line is the only Glasgow city suburban service operating from Queen St high level and is much valued and used by passengers who live in the areas served. I hope this service will continue to provide an essential means of transport in the Kelvindale area.

Yours faithfully,