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As a long-standing resident of Maryhill Park , who used Maryhill Station every working day from its inception until I retired in 2009, I was very concerned to see it was being considered for closure. The suggestion that another station could be used by those passengers currently using Maryhill station is wholly disingenuous. The additional distance involved would discourage many potential passengers as would the nature of the walk involved, particularly on dark winter mornings and evenings. It is also patently ridiculous to close a station which was only relatively recently re-opened. Given the Scottish government's commitment to sustainable energy and encouraging public transport it seems bizarre to consider a policy which will discourage use of the rail network.

While the main use of Maryhill station is of course to access the City Centre it also provides a very useful function in facilitating travel between Maryhill and Anniesland. There is in effect no public transport between Maryhill and Anniesland except by train. The train service plugs what was a glaring gap in communications in North -West Glasgow.

I still use Maryhill station to travel into town from time to time. I would regret greatly if that was not possible in the future. I would consider any closure of Maryhill station to be a major loss of amenity, to be retrograde in terms of ecological awareness and contrary to tackling regeneration in the Maryhill area generally. The threats to Maryhill , Gilshochill and Kelvindale stations inevitably raise concerns about an agenda of closure of the whole Queen St.- Anniesland via Maryhill line.