



SAVE
OUR TRAINS



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About the petition

Direct trains between Inverness and London could be axed under a review of Scotland's rail services.

The futures of both the Highland Chieftain, which provides a daily daytime service, and the overnight Highland Sleeper are being queried in a consultation being carried out by Transport Scotland. Their loss would force passengers to change at Edinburgh.

The Inverness Courier believes that direct rail links between the UK and Highland capitals are not just a matter of convenience. Reliable and fast transport links can make the difference between the success and failure of the Highland economy.

The closing date for the consultation is 20th February 2012 and the outcome will published later in 2012.

If you support the Courier's Save Our Trains campaign, please sign below and we will ensure your views are heard at Holyrood.

Signatures

1. Name: Angie Wood on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:

2. Name: I Taylor on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: I utilized this service on a Friday - when I travel from Perth to Inverness.

I do not see why this train should be terminated at Edinburgh.

Such a proposal is only (in my view) to up ScotRails numbers.
That would then lower ScotRails handout.
Which then allows ScotRail to expand it services in CENTRAL SCOTLAND

Why does this proposal not include full
electrification of the Perth to Inverness and Inverness to Aberdeen line.
After all we get the massive python's but not the benefit eh.....

Very one sided proposal's these.....
Very

3. Name: Karen Gray on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: This service is very popular as it's always fully booked. Why scrap it when it's so well used

4. Name: Penny Gray on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:

5. Name: Roy Mackie Nicol on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:

6. Name: Sue Callcutt on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:

7. Name: John Miller on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: stupid idea to axe "international" sleeper. I thought SNP were for Scotland, not turning us into Albania.

8. Name: Jim McIntosh on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: As a regular user of direct services to London, I am appalled at the possibility of losing these links. I urge the Scottish Government/Transport Scotland to reconsider the links between Inverness & Fort William to London.

9. Name: Frances McIntosh on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:

10. Name: Catherine McIntosh on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:

11. Name: Iain MacDonald on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: The Highlands are already geographically isolated due to the poor quality road link between Inverness and Perth. Removing the direct rail link from the Highland Capital to the UK Capital would really disenfranchise the whole Highlands, sending a very negative message to a population who have the bad luck of living "too far away from civilisation".

12. Name: Lawrence Johnson on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:

13. Name: R D MACLEOD on Nov 22, 2011

Comments: Direct through trains to the Highlands from the UK capital and the rest of the country south of the border are a must - both the daytime trains and the overnight sleeper. Central belt-centric bureaucrats increasingly cannot see past the Forth-Clyde corridor and TS "Rail Delivery Manager" (aka Rail Destruction Manager) Bill Reeve seems to want to create and preside over a 3rd World Network north of the border. Make no mistake, curtailing through trains at Edinburgh would be just the first step and a precursor to axing the entire newtwork north of Perth.

14. Name: Graham Ward on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:

15. Name: Anonymous on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Complete backward step - should be making travel easier / faster, This will ruin access to Highlands, for business & tourism because this makes journeys longer and more inconvenient...don't understand why this is even being considered. SNP call themselves a 'scottish government' looks like they are jsut an "Edinburgh" Government...between this and lack of commitment to the A9 deathtrap lots of votes will be at stake, if this goes ahead!

16. Name: Sarah Macdonald on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:

17. Name: Naomi Campbell on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: It is vital that we have at least one direct service to London. There are too few services as it is.

18. Name: Rolf Schmidt on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: I strongly oppose the withdrawal of direct cross-border train services from the Highlands.

19. Name: Cunningham on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Disgraceful!! Do the SNP want to completely isolate us. Those who voted SNP last time should think again next time round.

20. Name: Fiona Blake on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:

21. Name: Sarah Whealing on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: A valuable service linking the Highlands with England and the continent, its loss would further exacerbate the belief that this part of Scotland is of little benefit to the nation, instead it should be seen as the jewel of Scotland's tourist industry.

22. Name: Lucy Macdonald on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:

23. Name: LINDA MACKINNON on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:

24. Name: Robbie Mutton on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:

25. Name: Maria Andrews on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Train is much faster to get anywhere and the prices are MUCH lower than the buses. Staff are friendly - please save our trains!!!!

26. Name: Johtone on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: How much tighter can they draw the noose?

27. Name: Vivien Hawley on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:

28. Name: David Hawley on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:

29. Name: Audra Dick on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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30. Name: Amanda Davies on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: travelling to london is already an 8hr journey. Having to change trains makes the journey longer and more stressful when accompanying a blind person as i regularly do.
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31. Name: Douglas Mackay on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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32. Name: John Barrow on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: this is definitely a backward step & will cause a lot of problems for the tourist trade in the Inverness area.
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33. Name: Peter Kay on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: This would be a death blow to Tourism and business,would these idiots also want to change freight train loads ? Seems with the closing down of circuses throughout the UK,we provided them with a rest home at Holyrood.
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34. Name: John Macrae on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: P
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35. Name: Graham Neville on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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36. Name: Anonymous on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Crazy that they are even contemplating this, no common sense whatsoever!
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37. Name: Alistair Davidson on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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38. Name: Leslie Ross Munro on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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39. Name: Anonymous on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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40. Name: Ross Lyall on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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41. Name: Freyja MacNaughton on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Please don't isolate the highlands even more - axing this service will NOT encourage tourists or help the local economy!!
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42. Name: Pam Maciejewski on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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43. Name: Barry Grant on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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44. Name: Janine F on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Please don't do away with the direct link. Edinburgh is a horrid place to have to change trains especially when you have two young children to do it with :0(
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45. Name: Carol Klrk on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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46. Name: Carol Klrk on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:

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47. Name: Anonymous on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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48. Name: Jeanna Stimpson on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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49. Name: Hamish Johnstion on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: This is a daft idea that disregards the interests of passengers. My elderly mother depended on the Highland Chieftain to visit us in Inverness. Latterly she would never have been able to cope with a change at Edinburgh. She's dead now, but there are plenty like her whose travel opportunities will be closed to them if this goes ahead.
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50. Name: Claire Mackinnon on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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51. Name: Shona Fraser on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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52. Name: Jennifer Millard on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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53. Name: A.MacDonald on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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54. Name: Catherine Mackay on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Direct line to London essential given that air links to Heathrow already gone and others under threat.
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55. Name: Anonymous on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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56. Name: William L Harvey on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Please keep the service.
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57. Name: Stephanie Chalmers on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: It is bad enough we can no longer fly directly from Heathrow to Inverness, if this service is removed it will only serve to widen the North and South gap!
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58. Name: Richard Brann on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: As an annual visitor to Scotland, I find the direct rail link to Inverness extemely useful and might not go there if not for this service.
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59. Name: Janet Baldwin on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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60. Name: Andrew James on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: There has never been a better time to invest in the rail infrastructure to the Highlands and to even consider a reduction in direct train services with "the south" is insane. Set aside upgrading the A9 and prioritise funding of the railway system for the benefit of all businesses, residents and visitors - for the future.
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61. Name: Brian Walden on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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62. Name: John Sawkins on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Very useful for meetings in London. Without the sleeper service (from Aberdeen) I would either have to miss the meetings or take up three days to include the overnight stays (with the extra expense that that would entail).
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63. Name: David Knox on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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64. Name: Diana Chalmers on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: The train is usually packed. We need More trains that link properly with local trains to ensure residents and tourists are kept moving. Otherwise, with the increased fuel costs all our young Scots will be forced out of the country Or is that the plan???
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65. Name: Struan Charters on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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66. Name: Margaret Bevans on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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67. Name: John Bruce Bevans on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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68. Name: Gary Lines on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Have traveled on the sleeper and is a treasured memory and must be saved.
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69. Name: Ross Lyall on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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70. Name: Mark Ireland on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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71. Name: Rob Morgan on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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72. Name: Anonymous on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Even if the train journey itself isn't commuting a viable amount of passengers, to take this away could seriously damage the amount of tourist traffic Inverness see's. A direct line for those down south, where having to change 3 or 4 times in order to get from the south of England could deter many folk from even planning a trip north.
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73. Name: Norman K Drew on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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74. Name: Sandra Scott on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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75. Name: Stella Jones on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Please sign everyone
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76. Name: A McLeod on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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77. Name: Michael Marello on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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78. Name: Dan Adkins on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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79. Name: Philip Cannavan on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Direct trains are essential for business, and for families travelling who do not wish to go by car.
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80. Name: Johannes Van Der Werf on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Direct Trains between Inverness and London don't axed them.

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81. Name: Hannah Sayles on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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82. Name: JOHN WELDON on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: It will be a shame to lose a service like this
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83. Name: Bob Logan on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: I have been up to the Scottish Highlands about a dozen times in the past 5 years - mainly using th train. A couple of times i have flown but much prefer to travel by train even though it takes a good deal longer.

People should be thinking about investing in trains rather than cutting services whcih would mean even more busy roads and pollution
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84. Name: Melanie Newdick on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Direct trains with London are vital to the Highlands - not only do large numbers of tourists visit via the sleeper but it also enables people to commute to London. Improvements to the service would make it more popular - more dining facilities so not just 1st class when busy, wi-fi on the train etc
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85. Name: Bettyhaley on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: ihope the overbite sleeper to London will always be running as it is one of our favorite memories from wen we lived in interness o love the British train system tolondon no other guide so grand, I hope you can keep, thanks,
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86. Name: Anonymous on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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87. Name: Robin Chalmers on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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88. Name: Robin Chalmers on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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89. Name: Anonymous on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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90. Name: Cameron Macdonald on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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91. Name: Elaine Macdonald on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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92. Name: Daphne Campbell on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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93. Name: Anonymous on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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94. Name: Steve Callis on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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95. Name: Jurgen Diethe on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: I use the Highland Chieftain almost every week. Anything else is unacceptable - I would certainly resort to flying between Inverness and London, surely not desirable in view of the environmental impact.
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96. Name: Susan Gowans on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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97. Name: Mary Patrick on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: This device MUST stay it is essential
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98. Name: Sonya on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: The direct link between Inverness and London is needed! I for one travel to Inverness regular using the direct link from Doncaster.
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99. Name: Jim Birnie on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: I am a regular user of both services and this service being withdrawn would lead to a considerable inconvenience for me
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100. Name: Betty Davies on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Shades of Beeching! What ARE they thinking? These services MUST be kept running!
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101. Name: Alex Wilson on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: A very valuable service for me. And it would be ridiculous to withdraw such a valuable service as I am a frequent user.
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102. Name: Ralf Ross on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: We CAN fight City Hall..!
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103. Name: Scott on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: It would be a disaster if the cancel these trains
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104. Name: Melissa Gates on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: as a regular traveller for the cheiftain i backed the last campaign anf happy to back this one mr salmond leave it alone
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105. Name: Catriona Whitfield on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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106. Name: David Capel on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: The Caledonian Sleeper is the the only valid option I have to be able to work in Kent without having to relocate. If it goes, so does my livelihood
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107. Name: Ed Copcutt on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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108. Name: Brian Hutchinson on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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109. Name: Paul And Annie Sciriha on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: We are an elderly couple who travel frequently on the overnight sleeper train. How can you expect us to change at Edinburgh in the middle if the night with all our ailments ???
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110. Name: Allan Simpson on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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111. Name: Stefan Slavovski on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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112. Name: Anonymous on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Shortsighted & unbelievable. I thought we recently just won a fight to retain these services.
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113. Name: K Mcmillan on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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114. Name: K Mackintosh on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: its a no brainer save our sleeper train!!

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115. Name: Alison Sauer on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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116. Name: Alison Berg on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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117. Name: GARY JONES on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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118. Name: Carina Thomson on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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119. Name: Carina Thomson on Nov 22, 2011
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120. Name: James Deas on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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121. Name: Caroline Thomson on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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122. Name: Phyllis Pieraccini on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Invaluable service, not just for businessmen but for those of us who are less mobile. I, and many others like me, would have to revert to air travel if direct rail connection between Inverness and London is removed.
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123. Name: Walter Gray on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: If a review of services from the Highlands is contemplated, then it should be about improving them. It is perverse that any other option should be mooted.
I am against any alteration to the present service which will impact on the Highland economy.
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124. Name: David O'Donnell on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Please save this very important service from the North.
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125. Name: Ian Dinmore on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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126. Name: Robin Mackay on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Looks like King Alec wants to control all Scotland. We will be very careful unless it may be called Salmondland shortly.
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127. Name: Denis Mackay on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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128. Name: Paul Vincent on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Travelling from London to Inverness and having to change trains at Edinburgh is as absurd as making any one travelling from London to Edinburgh change trains at Berwick upon Tweed. There is nothing more damaging than a politition with an idea!!
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129. Name: Edward Millband on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Save our sleeper train- it's a godsend to us. When will base capitalist politicians learn that Scotland does not just end at the central belt, and that there are two hundred odd thousand people in the Highlands and Islands whose lives would be affected very much for the worse if the region lost its transport links with anywhere further than Edinburgh. We need tourists in the Highlands, but they won't come if they can't get here easily...
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130. Name: Mel Langille on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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131. Name: Peter Niven on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Both services provide essential options for both business and tourist travel. They are a lifeline for the economy of the Highlands and, as such, must be retained.
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132. Name: KatRiona Middleton on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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133. Name: Anonymous on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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134. Name: Helen Mary Tibbs on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: These trains are very important for business based in Inverness
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135. Name: David Macintyre on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: A direct rail service between Inverness and London is essential for the economy of the Highlands
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136. Name: Pamela Macintyre on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: Direct rail services between the Highlands and London are essential for tourism and business. Severing these long standing and valuable rail links would be a retrograde step for the people of the north of Scotland.
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137. Name: Anonymous on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: This is a vital service, which I use regularly.
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138. Name: Anonymous on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: We cannot afford to loose these services.
They provide a vital link.
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139. Name: Anonymous on Nov 22, 2011
Comments: I use the service regularly and find it excellent.
Many people would not change trains to travel north. The firstscotrail is not adequate.
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140. Name: Anonymous on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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141. Name: Anonymous on Nov 22, 2011
Comments:
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142. Name: Andrew Wilson on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: I wholeheartedly support the retention of direct rail services between London and all main towns in Scotland, including the important regional centres of Fort William and Inverness. I trust that the mention of a possible reduction or removal of such services in the consultation document is merely designed to provoke awareness and debate and so lead to the further development of such rail services, based on proper marketing and infrastructure improvements. The real issue for all UK rail services, not just those in Scotland, is the appalling and wasteful structure of the railways since privatisation, which has done away with vertical integration of the industry as well as integration of the railways along with other public transport. I applaud recent developments in Scotland eg the reopening of the Alloa and Airdrie to Bathgate lines, and the forthcoming Borders route. There are plenty of other potential developments all around Scotland if our politicians have the vision to continue this good work. That includes the development and improvement of passenger and freight services north of Perth and on the West Highland line.
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143. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: This link is essential to maintain and increase levels of tourism and commerce in the Highlands.
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144. Name: Alan Brailsford Aitken on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Please save Direct services to other parts of The UK
Visitors to Inverness & beyond will not want to change @ Edinburgh they want Direct services & Sleeper overnight during The Summer when Travelers Holiday time is limited .

Speed is the Essence without Direct services from London you become a backwater City.

Once you loose it that's it no return !!

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145. Name: Jo Adams on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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146. Name: Christine McLoughlin on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: At the moment we have a convenient and reliable service to London, with no changes en route. We also have a convenient and comfortable overnight service. Common sense decrees that this is what travellers in all categories want and need, and what the Highlands need for business, personal travel, and tourism. Sheer madness to remove either service. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.
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147. Name: Jane Cumming on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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148. Name: Emma Hill on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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149. Name: Richard Maciver on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: save save save it!!!!
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150. Name: Katrina.kozlowski on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: I live in London and am amazed that few people in London are aware of the overnight train. Couldn't the Scottish Tourist board do more to raise awareness e.g. attract mountain bikers / skiers / hillwalkers with a weekend away. It is only possible by train to get 2 full days.
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151. Name: Henry Kozlowski on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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152. Name: John Grayson on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: reducing rail services would be a terrible retrograde step
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153. Name: Ian Griffiths on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Disgraceful and stupid proposals. Regularly use the sleeper and it provides an essential survive
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154. Name: Martin Mackay on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: It cant be allowed to happen. The consequences are grim for Inverness if the links are cut. A political change of leadership may be needed in the future if the SNP is so out of touch with such a critical issue.
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155. Name: Margaret Ryles on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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156. Name: Beverley Maclean on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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157. Name: Catherine Fraser on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Coming from the South West of England, I don't want to have to change twice!
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158. Name: Tracey Ross on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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159. Name: Sheila Hoehne on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Direct train lines between cities must be kept.
Inverness is a city but more importantly it is the capital of the Highlands
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160. Name: Graham Fraser on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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161. Name: Karen Shane on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: its essential for the highlands, business travel will be affected its better for the enviroemtn to travel by train than plane!
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162. Name: Linda Cox on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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163. Name: J Bremner on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: The income on the route is divided into the amount of services, so for 10 daily trains between Inverness and Central Belt, the 1 East Coast service currently recieves 10% of the routes income plus an extra percentage as the EC train has more capacity, google ORCATS(Operational Research Computerised Allocation of Tickets to Services) for more detail. If Transport Scotland are so concerned about this, then they(ScotRail) should run the direct daytime services to London as they currently do with the overnight services.
- The daytime services is not all just about Inverness to London, its Inverness to Newcastle, Darlington and York, Stations which are major interchange hubs to the rest of the UK. In addition there should also be scope for a service to serve the West Coast from Inverness, serving high population bases in the North West and Midlands, as the Clansman train back in the 80's and 90's used to do.
- The sleeper is essential for the Highlands aswell, I encourage everyone to also fill in the consultation form which Transport Scotland have provided.
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164. Name: Garth Ponsonby on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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165. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Direct trains between Inverness and London are vital for tourism ,business and private passengers. Transport Scotland should join the real world!
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166. Name: Paul Mathur on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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167. Name: Keith Nichol on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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168. Name: Keith Nichol on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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169. Name: Susanne Nichol on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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170. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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171. Name: John Erskine on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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172. Name: Ralph Gilchrist on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: I am a regular train usr.....this would be a disaster!
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173. Name: Mark Smith on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: At a time when we should be using domestic flights LESS, not more, the withdraw of all civilised classic sleeper services from Scotland to London must be stopped.
- And when it comes to daytime trains, forcing people going from Inverness, Aviemore, Aberdeen, Dundee or Perth to London, York or Newcastle drag themselves, their luggage and kids from train to train in Edinburgh or Glasgow, with all the stress of missed connections, is a fast way to put people off train travel.
- Do take a moment to sign this petiton!
- Mark Smith

174. Name: Brian Chaplin on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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175. Name: MARINA TRUCKEL on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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176. Name: Shane Ohly on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Keep the Sleeper service - its an important link to Scotland for both toruism and business.
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177. Name: Roy James on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: These services make far more economic sense than a high speed link between London and the black country. I mistrust the political thinking behind weakening links between Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom
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178. Name: Andrew Fraser on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: This is a 'No-brainer:' Keep it in place!
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179. Name: David Stewart on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: keep as it is
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180. Name: Robert Mitchell on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Apart from tourism, I consider this to be an important service for our military personnel travelling to and from their homes to/from units in the south. this was my means of travel when based in London.
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181. Name: Susan Davies on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Trains from Aviemore, both day and sleeper, are a vital link for those who live here.
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182. Name: Benjamin Robson on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Why take away a great environmentally friendly way for both Britons and tourists to travel around our island?
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183. Name: Neil Dinnen on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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184. Name: Zoe Tulip on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Please don't take them away... not only would it inconvenience passengers that live in those areas in the Highlands, with the novelty of sleeper trains gone it could certainly mean less tourists to the region too.
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185. Name: Amanda Dolan on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Please don't scrap our great railways.
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186. Name: Rhona Morrison on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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187. Name: Clara Waelkens on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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188. Name: Stephen Brogan on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: The Caledonian Sleeper and associated services from London to the highlands are vital to environmentally sustainable regional development and tourist travel.
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189. Name: David G Cossar on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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190. Name: David G Cossar on Nov 23, 2011

Comments:

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191. Name: Joy Cossar on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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192. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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193. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: These direct routes need to stay open if Scotland is to be seen to be opening its doors to visitors rather than stopping them at its borders.
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194. Name: Richard Peat on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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195. Name: Philippa Watts on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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196. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Having this direct link with the south is vital - far better to travel this way with children, and to not add extra time off work to make trips
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197. Name: Simon Hingley on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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198. Name: Thomas Daley on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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199. Name: Gavin Spittlehouse on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: I use the overnight sleeper several times per year. Without this option I'd probably fly and then have to hire a car to get from the arrival airport to my final destination - this would be more expensive and less convenient and far more polluting.
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200. Name: Anthony Ramsay on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: This is of huges benefit to communities, businesses and the tourist industry and should be marketed not withdrawn.
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201. Name: Vaness Reid on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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202. Name: Richard Cross on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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203. Name: Jill Fenner on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Essential service for the north of Scotland. Must not be allowed to cease.
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204. Name: Kevin Ross on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Travel service in Scotland is terrible as it is!
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205. Name: Jeremy Garnett on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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206. Name: Nils on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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207. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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208. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: As a frequent traveller to this part of the world, I am amazed that you are even considering this, have you considered the impact on the tourism that you spend vast amounts of money promoting
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209. Name: Ian Pallett on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: These trains are a vital part of the local transport system. Rather than thinking of removing them it would be good to add at least a daytime through service to Birmingham and Bristol
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210. Name: Robert Godden on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: My family and I have used the sleeper services from London to Inverness on several occasions. It is fantastic. In a time when we should be encouraging train travel (rather than car journeys or flights) to cut this service makes no sense. It is a classic and should stay.
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211. Name: Beth Underdown on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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212. Name: Judy Welsh on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Forcing passengers to switch trains is a major factor in discouraging rail travel - something we should be doing everything to support!
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213. Name: Sarah Griffiths on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: I find it hard to believe that in this time of climate change and peak oil, that there would be ANYONE so short-sighted as to cut public transport, especially such a vital service as this.
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214. Name: Anna Fowle on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Effective rail links are vital to the Highlands, and to our environment.
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215. Name: Dennis Barton on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Short sightedness!
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216. Name: Ludwig on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Unbelievable! Keep this service. It is vital!
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217. Name: Mrs Jennifer Mollison on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: The sleeper is still a very useful service and there really is no substitute for a reasonable night's sleep and still managing to put in a full day's work.
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218. Name: Alastair Lockett on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: This a fantastic service that makes the whole of the Highlands more accessible and many visitors are seeing the benefits of overnight travel. (saves a hotel bill, and a long journey on the road). I have used this service myself to London for as little as £29 one way!
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219. Name: David M Shillabeer on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: As a regular user of this service I am appalled that you can once again consider axing a service which must be one of the most popular out of London and on which you must book a seat well in advance on both the outward and return journeys. From a tourist standpoint, changing at Edinburgh on the Northern journey will encourage people to stay overnight in the central belt and then car hire to travel further north. This will put extra pressure on the A9 and reduce visiting time in the Highlands largely reliant on tourist income. The end to end journey time of 8hrs is just acceptable for those who do not travel first class. To make it longer because of a change at Edinburgh will I feel force those travellers to other forms of transport, ie car, which is against what the UK government wish, especially when trying to reduce carbon emissions. The Highlands have been disinfranchised long enough. I moved here 15 years ago from the south and have watched in amazement the government of Scotland constantly shoot itself in the foot. Decisions cannot be made on the mighty pound by number crunchers and bean counters alone. An element of common sense must also prevail.
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220. Name: Daniel Pollin on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: We need our rail links and we need them to stay strong not be cut back in such a completely outrageous disregard for local business
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221. Name: Julian Gallop on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Requiring a change of train in Edinburgh coupled the minimum sensible allowed interval coupled with scheduled gap

could make the journey impossible in a day, especially if there is onward travel at either end.

222. Name: Katie Elliot on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:

223. Name: Iain Chrystall on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: As well as the practical arguments for ease of travel to Inverness and the rest of the Highlands from the UK capital, the provision of a direct daily service with a 'real train' (not a bus on rail wheels), confirms Inverness' status as the major Northern Scottish city it already is, and help it positively develop further.

224. Name: Mrs J Mayhew on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:

225. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:

226. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:

227. Name: Rob Easson on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: hmm a bit shortsighted to cancel direct trains during daytime. And obviously a way of funding tram development in edinburgh. If only we all lived there.

228. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:

229. Name: Julia Russell on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:

230. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:

231. Name: Angela Lockett on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:

232. Name: David Gruar on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:

233. Name: Angus Wares on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: disappointing this backward step will discourage train travel, by making it more difficult in time the diminishing numbers of travellers will add weight to further reductions in service. At a time when less carbon emissions should be seen as a benefit we are paving a way to increase them.

234. Name: Carlyne Charrington on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:

235. Name: Emma MacColl on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: I think in this day and age when we are all being encouraged to use public transport that it is a strange idea to start meddling with the train infrastructure within Scotland.

236. Name: Duncan Simpson on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:

237. Name: Christopher Rix on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Crazy idea. We're already remote - so why make travel options even worse for both locals & visitors!

238. Name: Anna Simpson on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: This rail service allows us to holiday in the hebrides without using a car, and travelling overnight maximises the useful time we can spend away. Please keep it running
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239. Name: Mr T N Hall on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: through trains are much better
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240. Name: Kelda Platt on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: having family in london, this train service is essential! Keep the trains and make a positive stance against the encouragement of use of environmentally disastrous internal flights, please.
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241. Name: David Callander on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Save the Sleeper!
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242. Name: Stephanie Bunyan on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Direct rail links between the UK and the Highlands are a necessity for tourism. The sleeper train provides the much needed overnight service for short stays in the capitals and more remote areas.
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243. Name: Jan Dunlop on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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244. Name: Michael Hogan on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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245. Name: Morton Gillespie on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: The loss of a direct railway link to London would be a step backwards and makes no economic sense
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246. Name: Anne Bowen on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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247. Name: COLIN DAVENPORT on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: The idea of scrapping all direct trains to and from London from this very important and large tourist haven, the pride of the highlands, the city of Inverness is totally unbelievable. People who live, work and run a business in this beautiful city depend on three main sources of the economy and that in my opinion is as follows: tourism, good transport links to the rest of the u.k and future industry, both in the transportation of the general public of Great Britain and also people from all over the world. Further more and very important is the future increase of freight and passenger traffic either by rail, air or by road. Scrapping passenger rail transport from this city to London (direct) will (and I am almost certain) have a devastating effect on all other rail services to and from Inverness. Who ever came up with this suggestion in the first place needs to come back down to earth, because the way I see the situation, this could lead to is not a future situation that is in the interest of the citizens and tourists that work, live and visit this city. Do us all a favour politicians, decision makers, people who think they are doing the right thing, executive rail bosses etc. come back down to mother earth and not from another planet and leave Inverness direct rail services to and from London alone. Get off your well paid backsides and have a serious rethink about the devastation to peoples lives you may have if the wrong decision goes ahead. GET A LIFE ALL OF YOU!
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248. Name: Caroline Sharp on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: I cannot understand why Transport Scotland would consider stopping the Highland Chieftain at Edinburgh when people fought successfully to have it continuing to come to Inverness. The Highland sleeper is used a fair amount for business purposes, as people can save time and money by travelling overnight thus arriving in London early and in time for meetings. Also, there is the issue of jobs which would be lost in the Highlands should these trains be scrapped. I could go on, mentioning inconvenience, delays etc. as well, if trains south started and ended in Edinburgh. Holyrood need to realise that life does go on north of the Central belt.
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249. Name: Gordon Leslie on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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250. Name: Donald Massey on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: I have been using this service since 1945
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251. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:

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252. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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253. Name: Ian Robert Weeks on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: The axing of direct rail services between London and Inverness is tantamount to discarding the Highlands as a backwater of the United Kingdom .and sending the signal that economically it is of no significance and the Scottish parliament feels it never will be. If the argument can be made that HS2 is vital to the economic wellbeing of the English regions how much more so is fast efficient rail access to the Highlands economic well being
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254. Name: Susan Poupard on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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255. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Please do not stop the through trains to England...do not stop the sleeper service.
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256. Name: Gary Maclean on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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257. Name: John Boughton on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: It seems such a shame and sadly not atypical that we destroy or threaten the things we do well instead of cherishing them
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258. Name: Kathryn Shaw on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Please do not stop direct trains - it would cause many people including me considerable difficulties. We need to encourage train use, not discourage it.
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259. Name: James Mitchell on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: My family frequently use these trains when travelling home from London for a wee holiday
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260. Name: Chris Butler-Stroud on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: This is a great service and it's the best way to travel to Scotland. Please lets keep it and indeed develop more services like it.
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261. Name: John Bowman on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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262. Name: William Best on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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263. Name: Sandra Lyall on Nov 23, 2011
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264. Name: Douglas Lyall on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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265. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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266. Name: Sean Smith on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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267. Name: John Anderson on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: I live just outside London and come home a few times a year to visit my friends and family. I use the train so that I can take my mountain bike. There is always other bikes on the train. The train from Edinburgh or Glasgow has limited bike spaces and if you travel at busy periods of time, even if you reserve a space you struggle to get it on. I know it is only a limited part of tourism but if bikers can't get there bikes to the north of scotland they will go to other parts of the uk.

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268. Name: Paul Halliwell on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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269. Name: William Renny on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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270. Name: Gillian Renny on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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271. Name: Martin Lunnon on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: I've used this service, and it's fantastic. Keep it going and promote it more
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272. Name: Anonymous on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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273. Name: Charles McGrigor on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: They must be crazy!
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274. Name: Nicola Shirkey on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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275. Name: Ian Dinmore on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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276. Name: Jonathan Spy on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: I support this petition.

J. Spy
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277. Name: Matthew Ledbury on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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278. Name: Mark W Norton on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Direct rail daytime and sleeper services to and from Inverness, Aberdeen and Fort William provide crucial economic benefits throughout the Highlands, which are not recognised in these ill thought-out proposals. Withdrawal of these services would be monstrously destructive to the Highland economy in view of increasing road fuel prices and increasing air travel vulnerabilities/ prices.
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279. Name: Jesse Gordon on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: It would be a great shame to lose the convenience of being able to travel whilst sleeping, saving great amounts of time whilst still covering the large distances between London and the highlands.
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280. Name: Susan J. Mills on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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281. Name: Duchesne David on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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282. Name: Jon Sear on Nov 23, 2011
Comments: Instead of cutting the sleepers, Scotrail could try promoting them to English customers outside of London. There is a huge untapped market from the stations between Euston and Carlisle
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283. Name: Catriona Gillies on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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284. Name: Peter MacKenzie on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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285. Name: Roger Mills on Nov 23, 2011
Comments:
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286. Name: Bart Van De Walle on Nov 23, 2011
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287. Name: Phil Richards on Nov 23, 2011
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288. Name: Philip Richards on Nov 23, 2011
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289. Name: Simon Shaw on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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290. Name: Anonymous on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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291. Name: Anonymous on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: I depend on the sleeper for overnight transport to and from London. I urge you to support its retention, this is a valuable asset to the Fort William and wider Lochaber tourist industry, as well as the local community.
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292. Name: Anonymous on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: This MUST NOT be allowed to happen. Yet again it shows the contempt and lack of respect that is shown for the voters in the North. Would be a huge blow to tourism.
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293. Name: Neil MacDonald on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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294. Name: Jonathon Loch on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Might save some money, but it would be a disaster for UK rail travel
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295. Name: Anne Horner on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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296. Name: Ian Russell on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: An essential tourism tool
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297. Name: Beverly Moffatt on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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298. Name: Hugh Ross on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: I cannot believe that we are considering reducing our nationwide direct rail network service in the 21st century. This is an essential rail link that must be preserved at all costs.
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299. Name: Jim Pattison on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: All cross border services north of Glasgow and Edinburgh should be retained and improvements made.
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300. Name: Grahame Brind on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Doesn't bear thinking about
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301. Name: Aimee Conway on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:

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302. Name: Rebecca McIntosh on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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303. Name: Kerri Gompels on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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304. Name: Christine Ayre on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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305. Name: Penny Clifford on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: no no no , we MUST keep all trains,
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306. Name: MARY SPEIGHT on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: this train link is very important to me and my family.We use the chietain frequently and would like to see it replaced with MORE FREQUENT DIRECT LINES TO THE NORTH EAST.
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307. Name: Andrew Holroyde on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: This is crazy! Save our trains!!!
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308. Name: Moira Fotheringham on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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309. Name: Kelsey Callis on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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310. Name: Bill Rook on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: My preference every time travelling from Kirkcaldy to London. First for comfort, price and environment. The most popular choice of travel between Scotland and England for the majority of foreign tourists. Also a very important social life line that must be kept open.
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311. Name: Ann Evans on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: This is a vital service, both the day train and the sleeper, and the Highlands would be substantially disadvantaged if it was removed. It is already difficult enough travelling south, particularly economically, without removing the option of direct rail travel.
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312. Name: Kelly Beasley on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: As a visitor from the United States last June, I can say that the rail service from London to Inverness was integral to planning our trip. The service and accomodation aboard the Caledonian Sleeper was like nothing we've ever experienced. I would think you would keep this service just to foster tourism, but I did also notice many business people using the service as well. Too many things are missing form this modern world - keep something that is both historic and functional!
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313. Name: Kelly Beasley on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: As a visitor from the United States last June, I can say that the rail service from London to Inverness was integral to planning our trip. The service and accomodation aboard the Caledonian Sleeper was like nothing we've ever experienced. I would think you would keep this service just to foster tourism, but I did also notice many business people using the service as well. Too many things are missing form this modern world - keep something that is both historic and functional!
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314. Name: Ian Pearson on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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315. Name: Andrew Hamilton on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Transport links are not good enough as it is. Taking services away is just outrageous.
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316. Name: Stephen Davies on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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317. Name: Anna Raven on Nov 24, 2011

Comments: Please save our train service to London with no early hours wakeup call. It is the best link we have in Fort William. I love it and encourage our all guests to arrive this way. B&B and self catering owner!

318. Name: Sarah-Jane Keighley on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:

319. Name: Richard Smith on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:

320. Name: John Hill-Turner on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:

321. Name: Neil Sinclair on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: I use the Highland Chieftain service to travel from the North East of England to the Highlands. Changing trains at Edinburgh often means carrying luggage up and down steps - and can mean missing the connection to Inverness if the East Coast train is late. Removing through trains would be a disencentive to travel by train to the Highlands.

322. Name: Freda Newton on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:

323. Name: Bea Smith on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: It is important that this services is maintained.

324. Name: Lucy Carter on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Essential services like this should be kept.

325. Name: Catherine Marshall on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: The additional 'faff factor' of having to change at E'boro might put passengers off using the service - putting them back onto the roads and airports.

326. Name: Ian Ford on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:

327. Name: Donald Mackintosh on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: why not make the sleeper continue on to Thurso ?

328. Name: Noel Bell on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Absolutely ridiculous idea. At 69 years old you expect me to change trains in Edinburgh instead of carrying on to my destination!

329. Name: Carol Pritchard on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: This is a valuable service which should not be lost. We want people to be able to visit the area from London, and to be able to get there ourselves. If service is lost some people will fly but most will not bother as that is too inconvenient and can be expensive and is certainly not environmentally sensible. This service is easy to use and does have value to the local economy.

330. Name: Patrick Poon on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:

331. Name: Alan Findlay on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: When we are trying to cut down on climate-damaging transport like road and air, to make rail less convenient and attractive in this way would be crazy. We should instead be looking at ways of increasing through trains to London and the continent.

332. Name: James Fowlie on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:

333. Name: Alma Griffiths on Nov 24, 2011

Comments:

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334. Name: Paul Buxton on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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335. Name: John Williams on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: my family lives in morvern and the sleeper is the most civilised way of getting there. a great service!
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337. Name: Michael Mellish on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: I have frequently used this service (the sleeper) and think it a great shame that it might go. Getting out at Perth or elsewhere at 3.30 am is not an option. I know that the overhead stops in the Scottish midlands but with a loco hauled train this should not be a problem.
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338. Name: Martin Whitfield on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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339. Name: Catherine Fudge on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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340. Name: Alex Williams on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: I depend on the sleeper completely, both to see my family and to get to work. Please don't scrap it.
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341. Name: DR J P A PAGE on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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342. Name: Gillian Kirkpatrick on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: This is a vital link for tourism which I am involved, and business/work commute. We are all being told not to take the car specially for single man journeys and here is the other option being taken away from us.
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343. Name: Valerie Hargreaves on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Please, please do not axe the direct trains between London and Inverness, please retain the highland sleeper
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344. Name: Mathieu Oosterwijk on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Verify good and needed initiative
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345. Name: Anonymous on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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346. Name: Katie Bryer on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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347. Name: Sarah Raven on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: It would be a terrible thing to lose this train service.
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348. Name: David McAdams on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Most insistent that the direct service is maintained
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349. Name: MARK HICKEN on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: The loss of these direct train services would be another blow to north Scotland, discouraging people from coming to the area for both business and pleasure while potentially adding more traffic to our roads. The long term impact on our economic sustainability would inevitably be a negative one, very dangerous especially in these troubled times.
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350. Name: Sila Collins-Walden on Nov 24, 2011

Comments: We use this service at least four times a year to travel to London. It's so much better than taking the plane. We need this service here in the Highlands. It must be saved!!!

351. Name: K Mcmillan on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:

352. Name: John MacKenzie on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Valuable service which should be retained for the economic good of the Highlands, both from a business and tourist point of view. Direct services win over those that require people to change trains.

353. Name: Aurea Carpenter on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:

354. Name: Mac Baldwin on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Use both services regularly. Just booked Chieftain to London in January and Sleeper home.

355. Name: Andrew Palmer on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:

356. Name: Jenny MacKenzie on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: overnight sleeper train essential to connect with LHR for longhaul flights. I use it about 6 times annually and if not available would use Schipoll airport in Holland and not LHR, so UK loses twice.

357. Name: Matt Davies on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Save the Sleeper service Inverness - London.

358. Name: Ilanora M U Sharp on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: This is shocking news! Through services are vital for the Scottish economy. Older people form a significant number of the voting public and using a through rail service vastly increases the number of Highlanders who choose the train as there preferred type of transport when travelling South. Boarding from a local station and then emerging in Central London is a civilised and attractive experience. Changing stations when one is not so fit often leads to anxiety and extra expense. Also, the Highland sleeper is one of the great international rail journeys of the world.
Why delete? Madness.

359. Name: Sarah Stilwell on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:

360. Name: Keith Paton on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:

361. Name: Nicholas Bethune on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: I use the Highland Chieftain service every summer with my family to travel from London to Aviemore for a week's holiday. The direct service is what makes this viable - changing trains in Edinburgh with luggage and children in tow would be a major problem, not to mention the extra time. I can't imagine the comfort levels and capacity of the alternative local service would match that of the express from London either. I have also used the sleeper service from London to Edinburgh and think this valuable service should be retained. If it is losing money, the answer should be to invest in it and to improve the marketing of it.

362. Name: Darwin Smith on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Rather than withdraw the Highland Chieftain and the Inverness sleeper, we should reinstate the Clansman to link the Highlands to the West Coast cities of England!

363. Name: Michael Bailey on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Madness - don't do it!

364. Name: Anonymous on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Hopefully wisdom, courage and perseverance may be found to maintain this well used and beneficial service for families and all concerned..

365. Name: Erika Nilsson on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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366. Name: Bill Jamieson on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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367. Name: Alistair Ingram on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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368. Name: David Bethune on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Its' time to be improving rail services, not reducing them.
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369. Name: Tony Bradford on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: I live in Caithness, and the direct connection from Inverness to London and Birmingham are essential services.
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370. Name: Marc Nawrath on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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371. Name: Sarah Carrier on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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372. Name: Dawn Reade on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Sleeper user
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373. Name: Sarah Rimmer on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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374. Name: Mick Hardy on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: how can you get rid of this wonderfull service
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375. Name: Victoria Bennett on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: A direct train link between Inverness and London is an absolute necessity. Removing current services would cause unnecessary isolation, huge economic damage and shut off the Highlands from the rest of the UK. It should also be considered that the train has proved an essential (albeit only) method of public transport when aeroplanes at Inverness airport have been grounded due to bad weather.
- Scrapping a direct service between Inverness and London is a shameful proposal. Any government considering to do this should consider the impact on residents, families who use the route regularly, business, tourism and perception of the Highlands.
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376. Name: Andrew Barr on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: It would be a major hurdle for any commuter irrispective of age/mobility and disability as having to change trains in Edinburgh will increase travelling times and increase difficulties facing travellers. The Scottish economy I'm sure would be adversely affected by this backward 'nationalist' approach to transportation services
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377. Name: Will Montgomery on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: Vital to the economy. We must support rail travel and not force people to use carbon-unfriendly cars and planes.
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378. Name: Anonymous on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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379. Name: Alexander Buckley on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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380. Name: Terry O'BRIEN on Nov 24, 2011
Comments:
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381. Name: Anonymous on Nov 24, 2011

Comments: The sleeper service and daytime services to London are vital for Inverness!

382. Name: John & Margaret Moore on Nov 24, 2011
Comments: What is required in addition to this petition being massively supported by everyone in the Highlands is a like campaign to those achieved by the MacPuff in the '60s and the 1995 meeting in Inverness both of which without doubt saved the railways North and West of Inverness.
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383. Name: Andrea Shoebridge on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: The service from London to Inverness is a must every time I come to the UK to visit my daughter in Fort Augustus. So convenient, efficient and competitively priced
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384. Name: Karl Shoebridge on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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385. Name: John McLaughlin on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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386. Name: Isabel Gray on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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387. Name: Gabriel Gottlieb on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: I fully support this petition. Train journeys times should be going down, not up in these modern times when people are increasingly realizing how harmful plane travel is to the environment.
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388. Name: Heather Tavendale-McMillan on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: Where ever you live in the British Isles everyone should have the right to have good transport links at reasonable prices.
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389. Name: Shirley McLauchlan on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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390. Name: Mairead Macdougall on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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391. Name: Anonymous on Nov 25, 2011
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392. Name: Anonymous on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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393. Name: Marie Cascarino on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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394. Name: Ed Bethune on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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395. Name: Angus Noble on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: Direct trains between London and Inverness are essential, not just for Tourism .The service needs to be improved, not threatened.
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396. Name: Roger Matthews on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: It would be quite shocking to axe these services precisely when we should be using them more!
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397. Name: Ian L Jamieson on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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398. Name: Faith Raven on Nov 25, 2011

Comments: Many businesses in morvern depend on the Overnight sleeper to FortWilliam, Faith Raven, Ardtornish Morvern, PA80 5UZ

399. Name: Penny Beech on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: Total madness - transport is so vital for all in the highlands. Cuts/inconvenience just deter people to use trains. Thought we were meant to be getting greener !!
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400. Name: Christine Bethune on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: The proposed changes will make rail travel on these routes unattractive and inconvenient to current and future domestic and commercial users, not least the tourist sector and those dependent on public transport. Fewer users will result in higher charges and a less sustainable service. Rail travel should be made more efficient, not less. This will be a truly backwards step. Please reconsider.
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401. Name: Alexandra Chaldecott on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: The sleeper trains are a very important link both for tourism and those living in the Highlands who need to get to London regularly and don't want to fly.
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402. Name: Anonymous on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: This will stop me from being able to travel to Inverness for the weekend. Devasting effect on tourism
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403. Name: Anonymous on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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404. Name: RossT on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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405. Name: Mrs Angela Macpherson on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: It would be diabolical to withdraw the only 'real' daily train travelling on the route between Inverness and the south. The comfort, excellent service and convenience cannot be replicated on Scot Rail's 'alluminium cans on wheels'.
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406. Name: James O'Dwyer on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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407. Name: Connie Walker on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: It's a disgrace for them to be even thinking about doing such a thing. We need more investment NOT less
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408. Name: Anonymous on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: We have lost so many flights/routes from Inverness and the A9 is still single carriageway in many places and frequently a danger in bad weather. What are we being left with? Scotrail trains which are no where near as comfortable, clean or convenient and the prospect of having to change at Edinburgh will certainly deter many of our older tourists who carry luggage. I use the East Coast a couple of times each month in order to go to meetings in Edinburgh and it is often full of business people - is a two/three carriage Scotrail train going to meet their needs or will the service resemble cattle trucks. Why are we being treated in this way - is it that there is a secret plan to deter growth in the Highlands and focus all the prosperity in central belt just when Inverness, Caithness and Sutherland were starting to be an attractive location for businesses.
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409. Name: Allan Russell on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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410. Name: Euan Mackie on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: Need continued competition and direct services with better marketing for a premium service
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411. Name: Anonymous on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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412. Name: Sarah Stark on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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413. Name: Joyce Plent on Nov 25, 2011

Comments: As city that depends on tourists we need all transport links in and out of Inverness

414. Name: Donald Boyd on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: Good transport links are basic to the economy and development of any part of the country, especially as Inverness is the hub which serves the whole of the Highlands and Islands.

415. Name: Ryan Sabino on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: A vital link cheaper and more direct than flying

416. Name: Claire Green on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:

417. Name: Fiona Finlayson on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: This is an essential link to the south especially as we no longer have flights to London Heathrow. It should be obvious to everyone. Do I need to say more?

418. Name: Ron Bell on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:

419. Name: Anonymous on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:

420. Name: Ronald Gault on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:

421. Name: Jean Fleetwood on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: We must have direct rail services between London and Inverness - the Highland Chieftain is essential - East Coast must advertise offers from Inverness not just from Edinburgh.

422. Name: Pat Gault on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:

423. Name: Pat Gault on Nov 25, 2011
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424. Name: Neil Farley on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:

425. Name: Victoria Gault on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:

426. Name: Fionna Chalmers on Nov 25, 2011
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428. Name: John Mccue on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:

429. Name: John Mccue on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:

430. Name: Richard Astill on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:

431. Name: Alexander Bryan Longmore on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: Cutting the direct service from Inverness to London will isolate the North of Scotland from the rest of the UK and Europe
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432. Name: Leonella Longmore on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: Cutting the services is prejudicial to business, tourism and contact with Europe. We do not want to be the back-water of Europe.
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433. Name: Duncan Forbes on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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434. Name: Mrs Ali Renshaw on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: This is a vital service that should not be lost.
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435. Name: James on Nov 25, 2011
Comments: We should be encouraging all forms of train travel at this time to save road congestion, fuel consumption and availability/convenience should be a first priority. The customer comes first: not like the old days when the convenience of the travel provider became paramount and the resulting service became a 'joke' literally.
- Keep the direct links, I've used them many times and found them to be very convenient and considerably less tiring than having to change trains all the time. I take direct air flights when I can for the same reasons.
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436. Name: Stella Pentecost on Nov 25, 2011
Comments:
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437. Name: Margaret Miller on Nov 26, 2011
Comments:
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438. Name: Vicki Hilliam on Nov 26, 2011
Comments:
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439. Name: Mairi Maciver on Nov 26, 2011
Comments: The loss of the sleeper service would be devastating. I visit London on a regular basis from Inverness and am able to travel to London for the day with minimum hassle and to make the most of the time available to me because of the sleeper, which takes me straight to the centre of London. Additionally, for those like myself who have a fear of flying, the train is a lifeline connection to the UK capital.
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440. Name: Holly Gordon on Nov 26, 2011
Comments:
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441. Name: Anonymous on Nov 26, 2011
Comments:
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442. Name: Carolyn Upson on Nov 26, 2011
Comments:
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443. Name: Anonymous on Nov 26, 2011
Comments: 1. The Highland Chieftain and the Highland Sleeper are two great train journeys - the ability to go from London directly to the Highlands without having to change is a sheer delight.
2. I am a regular user of the Highland Chieftain and one of its use attractions is that it is non-stop from York to Inverness. The uninterrupted journey is great for getting work done - indeed, I have had some of my best ideas on the train - what can be more inspiring than having a coffee and glancing out the window? The ideas just then flow!
3. Having to change at Edinburgh would be a right pain. In the case of my elderly mother, who would help her with her case? She would just get stressed out.
4. I love the Highland Chieftain and sometimes treat myself to first class. It has lovely decent seating with good leg room as opposed to Virgin (Cross Country) trains where there is no leg room.
5. What about the train's contribution to the environment? Surely, a train is far more environmentally friendly than a plane.
6. The train is so practical - you go from the heart of London directly to the centre of Inverness. If you fly, you first of all have to get to the airport then go through security then wait for the flight to be called then fly north then wait for your luggage then get a taxi... You don't get uninterrupted time unlike the train where you can be so productive beavering away on your laptop dealing with clients etc.

7. If the Highland Chieftain and Highland Sleeper are withdrawn this will hugely impact tourism which in turn will impact jobs. There is a world recession so the potential withdrawal simply does not make sense.

8. First class on the Highland Chieftain is a real pleasure with complimentary refreshments. ScotRail to the best of my knowledge does not offer a comparable service.

444. Name: Veronica Gunn on Nov 26, 2011
Comments:

445. Name: Ian Bell on Nov 26, 2011
Comments: One minute there is an encouragement to get cars off the road and the next there is an idea to discourage rail travel. How strange - NO - HOW STUPID.

446. Name: Nicola on Nov 26, 2011
Comments:

447. Name: Valerie Bradford on Nov 26, 2011
Comments: These are much needed services, when you live in the far north.

448. Name: Prospect Maduforo on Nov 26, 2011
Comments: Please, please do not withdraw the sleeper trains as it is my main means of transportation to and from London. Its will not be fair for those of us living further north of scotland. I have kids and they enjoy sleeper services each time we use it.

449. Name: Iain Kernaghan on Nov 26, 2011
Comments: So much for promoting green transport. no direct trains just encourages people to fly, by passing Edinburgh and Glasgow just in and out, maybe with less overnight stays too. Way to help the economy!

450. Name: Katie Dougan on Nov 26, 2011
Comments:

451. Name: Angus Robertson on Nov 26, 2011
Comments: It would make it difficult for me to continue to live in Lochaber if the Fort William sleeper was cancelled. Please keep this service and improve it

452. Name: Maureen Wiesner on Nov 26, 2011
Comments: We are visiting Scotland next summer and are getting the sleeper to Aberdeen and then ferry to Orkney. We have been meaning to do this for years and are only doing so because we can get the sleeper train - would never drive that far, or fly. Am very sad that it may be cut as apart from being the most environmentally friendly way to travel, it is a really special service which must attract lots of tourists. I read that numbers using the service have increased greatly in the last few years so the cut could not be justified on this basis.

453. Name: Michael Scott-Robinson on Nov 26, 2011
Comments:

454. Name: Alexander John Cunningham on Nov 26, 2011
Comments:

455. Name: David Taylor on Nov 26, 2011
Comments: Sleepers need upgrading, not scrapping, to meet customer expectations. Changing at Edinburgh on East Coast - haven't we been here before?

456. Name: Lawrence Marshall on Nov 26, 2011
Comments: The sleeper trains are increasingly well used and provide a vital overnight link to and from London in particular.

The daytime trains linking Inverness and Aberdeen with London are often packed arriving at and leaving from Waverley station in Edinburgh. I try to avoid them if travelling south from Edinburgh.

And people want a through journey - not to have to change.

457. Name: Caledonia McFarlane on Nov 26, 2011

Comments: Here we go again! The very idea of cutting direct services is ridiculous and unworkable. A strong nation needs to preserve and build upon its links for the sake of tourism, the economy, the environment and all sections of its society. Waverley is already chaotic and not user friendly for more vulnerable groups such as the elderly and disabled or those managing large luggage and young children. May I respectfully ask that we all consider writing directly to Keith Brown as well as signing here; we need to stick together and make our voices heard so strongly now that this threat has surfaced again and people face another horrible, anxious wait one year on. Save the direct trains; save the Highland Chieftain!

458. Name: Ian Milne on Nov 26, 2011

Comments: this is an absolute disgrace to this service which has been used regularly for years.why terminate it at edinburgh since it's been a direct service for so long.a lifeline more so for the elderly visiting relatives north of edinburgh.think of the impact this will have in the harsh winter months!!

459. Name: Andrew McCallum on Nov 26, 2011

Comments: Forcing all passengers between England/north of Edinburgh to change will be harmful to the economy of those places and quite unnessesarily reduces connectivity between some of Scotland's main cities and London. Ideally there should be more, not fewer, through trains.

460. Name: Stephanie Ash on Nov 26, 2011

Comments: I use this service frequently and for someone based in the North West Highlands the fact that I don't need to change makes the journey faster and easier. The numbers of other people using the service indicates that it is well-used and therefore necessary. I would use the sleeper more if the pricing was not so high as to make it prohibitive.

461. Name: Colin Reid on Nov 26, 2011

Comments: My interest is as a timeshare owner at Coylumbridge Aviemore I can be dropped of at London with all my bags and skis and either arrive off the overnightr sleeper or the Highland Chieftain - whilst I love these journeys i won't be changing at Edinburgh as i'll fly instead

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463. Name: Ian Smith on Nov 26, 2011

Comments:

464. Name: Hilary Crick on Nov 26, 2011

Comments:

465. Name: Dave Crick on Nov 26, 2011

Comments:

466. Name: John Elliot on Nov 26, 2011

Comments: More than ever, people should be vigorously encouraged to use the rail network. Any consideration of withdrawing services, if anything, only serves to discourage people from using trains. When trains run on schedule, there is no better method of travelling on land. It's just a pity that generations of decision-makers have been short-sighted and hell-bent in doffing their caps to the road-lobbyists in this Country (United Kingdom).

467. Name: Anonymous on Nov 26, 2011

Comments:

468. Name: Lyn Forbes on Nov 26, 2011

Comments: I regularly travel on trains to the central belt from Inverness (twice this week) and I doubt that tourists would use the service more than once and it isn't only the need to transfer that's the problem. The rolling stock Scotrail operate on the north line isn't fit for purpose. Inferior rolling stock, with little room for your legs let alone any luggage, cycles, skies and other essentials people take on holiday. These are commuter trains, unsuitable for the 3/4 hour journey they are making, let alone expecting people to start or complete an 8 hour journey to and from the south. Considerable investment would be required to provide anything like the level of experience sought by those living in the Highlands, let alone those coming north on holiday looking for a 4/5* experience.

469. Name: Cheryl Hopkins on Nov 26, 2011

Comments: If this train service goes it will adversely affect businesses and employees directly, it is an absurd idea and totally knee jerk as usual.

470. Name: Bill Baird on Nov 26, 2011

Comments: Why is it always Scotland that has to suffer at the hands of England just for a change keep the Scottish Routes and shelve some of the English ones

471. Name: Rob Platais on Nov 26, 2011

Comments: Having just 'rediscovered' the sleeper service my family and I had a fantastic camping holiday in Scotland earlier this year travelling up to Inverness. The train was an adventure for the children and is a unique experience. The proposal if adopted would be an absolute disgrace and reflects typical bureaucratic short term thinking with little regard to the wider implications for ordinary peoples enjoyment of life.

472. Name: Katie-Harriet Barton on Nov 26, 2011

Comments: I am a wheelchair user and would not be able to travel so easily if this service was stopped..I travel from Thurso in the FAR NE Scotland to Wiltshire at least once year

473. Name: Anonymous on Nov 26, 2011

Comments:

474. Name: John G Duncanson on Nov 26, 2011

Comments:

475. Name: Anonymous on Nov 26, 2011

Comments: it is quite incredible that in a time when business requires all the support it needs to grow that suggestions like removing such important train services is even considered.

476. Name: Anne Sangster on Nov 26, 2011

Comments: The loss of the train service would force people to fly, surely not the way forward in this environmentally conscious age

477. Name: Jim Philp on Nov 26, 2011

Comments: Utterly disgraceful that any government should be thinking about reducing rail travel to bolster other means, increased road travel in this country is not sustainable but when one of these sponsors is now in the process of a commercial venture with an overnight bus service, he already tried using rolling stock on the night sleeper maybe not enough profit in it for him

478. Name: Jim Philp on Nov 26, 2011

Comments: This petition highlights the plight of the Highland economy if this ill thought out venture was to go forward, how can we even imagine the thought of reducing Rail travel and increasing the road density that we have at present, albeit that one of these sponsors(SNP) is now running a commercial enterprise that runs in direct competition with the night sleeper.

479. Name: Catherine Baines on Nov 26, 2011

Comments: I travel frequently to Inverness from London and value the fact that there is a direct train during the day and the sleeper. It is great to get on the train in London, put your luggage on the rack or wherever and forget about it until the train rolls into Inverness. The day train provides time to read, admire the scenery particularly as you cross into Scotland. The sleeper is invaluable if you cannot spare a whole day for travelling. Changing in Edinburgh or Glasgow makes the journey more complicated, especially with luggage. Inverness needs to have a direct train link to London and doing away with it could well damage the local economy at a time when things are already very difficult.

480. Name: Andrew Johnston on Nov 26, 2011

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483. Name: Sally Johnston on Nov 26, 2011
Comments:
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484. Name: Donald Matheson on Nov 26, 2011
Comments: Most important direct train services Inverness - London are continued for the sake of the economy, people, tourism and business in the Highlands and Islands
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485. Name: Alasdair Balmer on Nov 26, 2011
Comments: if it aint broke dont fix it
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486. Name: Jean-Paul H on Nov 26, 2011
Comments:
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487. Name: Adam Edwards on Nov 26, 2011
Comments: Through trains are vital for families with luggage and no car. Please don't do this!
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488. Name: Ian Sugden on Nov 26, 2011
Comments: Can't believe this ridiculous nonsense, it is a total disgrace and an absolute travesty to even suggest such an outrageous cutback!
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489. Name: Peter Hardyman on Nov 26, 2011
Comments: The Inverness sleeper service is an excellent way to travel from Thurso to London and also (via Crewe) to the Midlands of England, and to Wales. After a full day's work in Caithness the 1629 train from Thurso connects with the sleeper in Inverness and it is then possible to be (for example) in Warrington, Worcester, Hereford or London early the following morning. I have done this on numerous occasions, for business or to visit (elderly) relatives. I believe that ScotRail have been increasing demand for the sleeper services, after difficult years following Hatfield?
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490. Name: Eileen Grant. on Nov 26, 2011
Comments:
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491. Name: Claire Acheson on Nov 26, 2011
Comments:
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492. Name: Joy Hardyman on Nov 26, 2011
Comments: This is absolutely ridiculous. How dare Scotrail rob us of our route to the south, which has allowed us to be visited by relatives that live far and wide, for the weekend in a hurry, and which also enables us to visit our elderly and hard to get to relatives. This is an outrage that they have even suggested such a ridiculous cut!! I suggest a boycott of Scotrail for its disregard to our needs!!
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493. Name: Bridget Gray on Nov 26, 2011
Comments:
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494. Name: Ann Rahman on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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495. Name: Mrs. J. Whittome on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: Inverness is proudly known as "The Capital of the Highlands" - why are we being treated like a rural backwater?
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496. Name: Myles Tovey on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: Save our trains

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497. Name: Kate Smith on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: Ye hAVE to keep all these services going! ye just DO!
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498. Name: Geoff Lienert on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: I am an intending tourist. The appeal of the sleeper is one factor influencing my decision to visit or not visit the highlands.
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499. Name: Kenneth Bell on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: A direct link to London is a must.
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500. Name: Calum Buchanan on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: any reduction to rail services to the relatively remote Highland Region would have an immediate negative impact on the environment and the economy.
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501. Name: Maria Baxter on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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502. Name: Michael John Gutteridge on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: It is important this rail link is maintained.
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503. Name: Andy Millar on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: I suppose the politicians will not have to worry about changing trains as they travel in their luxury cars at taxpayers expense
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504. Name: Fiona C Russell on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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505. Name: Zbigniew Tkacz on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: perth is already remote area, if you will take the sleeper off it will be very difficult to leave scotland for any courses, education etc. we are far behind England and it will get worse!!!
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506. Name: Geraldine Connah on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: This service is our only DIRECT link with our capital city - anyone would think you WANT the SNP to win their referendum on splitting the UK.

What are you thinking?
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507. Name: Rosalyn May Newton on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: As a user of the overnight service provided by the Highland sleeper I would sorely miss this service. It appears that as usual ' Scotland ' means Glasgow and Edinburgh and the rest doesn't count!
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508. Name: Janet Emery on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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509. Name: Hazel Binnie on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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510. Name: Liz Binnie on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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511. Name: Priscilla Baines on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: This service provides a vital link between the Highlands and the south of England and not just for tourists. Inverness and the surrounding area need to broaden their economic base and attract new businesses and employment. For that they need a reliable transport system.
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512. Name: Carolyn Siggers on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: Please do not remove this service - it is too well valued by too many people for it to be taken away!!

Thank you

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513. Name: George Gunn on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: Its a great service, always well used. Why get rid of something that is actually benefiting the community?!
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514. Name: Tom McNally on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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515. Name: Peter Pick on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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516. Name: Stanley McQuiston on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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517. Name: Karen Evans on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: more cut backs that dont make sense!
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518. Name: Anonymous on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: An absolute disgrace - we totally rely on the train service as all the money seemed to be spent on the crazy tram system in Edinburegh leaving none to dual the A9. Being ruled by Edinburgh is a curse
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519. Name: Samantha on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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520. Name: R Higham on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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521. Name: Richard Castro on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: If it really is true that our through trains are under threat I think it's a piece of nonsense. Are those in the north second class citizens?
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522. Name: Mr J Ashby on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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523. Name: Richard Ibbotson on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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524. Name: Sandra Leadingham on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: local air travel is getting very onerous and am not able to transfer trains at short transfer times and dealing with luggage
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525. Name: Jo Greatwich on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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526. Name: Angus Ross on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: highlands to london sleeper essential for my business travel
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527. Name: Caine Norbury on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: we need direct services
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528. Name: Sheena Munro on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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529. Name: John Dyke on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: Having moved to the Highlands 18 months ago, but having family and clients in England, I utterly rely on the Sleeper. It's the only way I can do a full day's work in London without staying in a hotel. I'm sure its losses could be reduced: perhaps provide some higher-class cabins (en suite, etc.) for significantly higher fares; perhaps remove one of the lounge cars. It certainly needs

better advertising!

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530. Name: Abigail Pukaniuk on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: It's part of Scotland and its a major attraction to travelling scotland
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531. Name: Peter Dyke on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: The distance to the north of Scotland makes rail travel a viable, logical and attarctive option, often when road travel is practicably impossible. I strongly urge the retention of this service.
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532. Name: Val Bridger on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: I am a regular user of the sleeper trains, and they are usually full when i am on there - and always if i leave it too late! Why change somethinhg that works so well. This is used by commuters and leisure travellers
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533. Name: Ross Turnbull on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: this suggestion truly trumpets its own absurdity....back to pre Grouping days when the very idea of making things convenient and attractive to paying customers is just not on!?
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534. Name: John Brookman on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: this matter was resolved last year when the secretary for transport said there be no removal of rail services to and from London to Inverness The Highland Chieftain and The Northern Lights service too AberdeenEast coast has also stated they are replacing the ageing 125 with Hitachi Hybrid bi powered type javelin trains and retaining the Electric 225s for the Edinburgh to London service
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535. Name: John Brookman on Nov 27, 2011
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536. Name: Mary And Ron Strobel on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: it will be a disgrace if transport for scotland get there way this is 2012 not 1812
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537. Name: Julie Roberts on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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538. Name: Richard Newmark on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: Trains are our future.
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539. Name: Yvonne Mcewen on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: A scandal if removed .Prepared to lobby politicians if I have to
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540. Name: Mark Keenan on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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541. Name: Alan Kelly on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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542. Name: Alan Kelly on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:
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543. Name: Ryan Munro on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: save our trains !
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544. Name: Kevin Mackay on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: it would be an economic disaster for many highland business ,if it aint broke dont fix it
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545. Name: Duncan Pye on Nov 27, 2011

Comments: Loss of these services relegates those of us living North of the Edinburgh/Glasgow line to second class citizen status. I use either of these services on the several times a year I go south.

546. Name: Helen Elizabeth on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:

547. Name: Audrey Dignan on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:

548. Name: Phil Richmond on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:

549. Name: Paige Hopkins on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:

550. Name: James Iredale on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:

551. Name: Jacqueline Ann Hobson on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:

552. Name: Norrie Maclaren on Nov 27, 2011
Comments: DO NOT CLOSE IT

553. Name: John Ashcroft on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:

554. Name: Sean Elliot on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:

555. Name: Steve Howes on Nov 27, 2011
Comments:

556. Name: Anonymous on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:

557. Name: Darren License on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:

558. Name: Richard Murray on Nov 28, 2011

Comments: I cannot remember a time in my life when Highland services weren't under one threat or another; once again the executioners blade looms large for the Highlands capital.

How much longer must the Highlands have the eternal threat of service cuts hovering above its head? Will Inverness and Fort William ever finally escape the hangman noose?

Perhaps the service just isn't as profitable as someone would like? Perhaps the GP margin just isn't high enough one wonders? How high a profit margin does the model require for it to be called a 'success'? When every last penny has been drained from the coffers without ever spending one in upkeep?

Whatever happened to the old adage 'Speculate to accumulate'?

In these tough times austerity is the only way to dig ourselves out of the hole which we have put ourselves into. Rationalise perhaps, but not remove.

Remember, austerity is a phrase Highlanders have learnt to live with through never ending necessity.

Scotland has been, is and always will be considered the scape-goat, the guinea pig and too far away from centralised power to matter very much.

Even if the service is mothballed the Highlands will be lumbered with a degrading infrastructure asset that will require at least some opex.

If it's used, it might just pay its own way.

As a transport infrastructure professional now living in Auckland I would be happy to offer up our regrettable efforts here if ever a shining example of lack of investment, lack of foresight, lack of will power and political ignorance is needed.

The result? A city now reliant upon vehicles for even local trips... and expensive flights for anything more than 200 miles. A city that is now all but paralysed by 1950's thinking, budget constraints, political mentality and naivety ... and effectively isolated from both the capital and other regions.

Enough already! Secure Highland services, secure the future, secure our history, opportunity, prosperity and connectivity for the Highlands once and for all.

Make it affordable, make it competitive (for both people and freight) make it reliable, make it convenient – make it work.

Learn from past mistakes... because once it's gone it will be extremely difficult to ever reinstate.

Share the burden of an 'unfit for use' road network which is vastly over-utilised for freight and bursting at the seams - not to mention forever under reconstruction.

Encourage rail freight, encourage investment, encourage the people.

Become known as the party that saved the Highlands connections.

Trust me, it's saviour would be as long remembered... as its executioner.

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559. Name: Elliott Stone on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: It is vital we keep this important rail link. It is a life line.
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560. Name: Keith Burdett on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: This service should be maintained.
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561. Name: J Stewart on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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562. Name: Oli Merritt on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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563. Name: Laura Nicolson on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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564. Name: Martyn Brunt on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: At a time when everything should be done to boost economic growth, removing vital transport links to communities that depend on them would be an extremely foolish move, Cost cutting of this nature is a false economy.
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565. Name: Ben Ferris on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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566. Name: Anonymous on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: Save our Sleeper! It's one of the most important connectors between the Highlands and much of the rest of the UK. To axe it would have a devastating effect on the regional economy.
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567. Name: Francie Graham on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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568. Name: Alexander Roose on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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569. Name: Gwen Stewart on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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570. Name: Mary Stewart on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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571. Name: Molly Metzler on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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572. Name: Anonymous on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: Sleeper is a fantastic service which is invaluable in my busienss dealings and leisure travel. It would negatively impact

Scotland's economy in my view; I use it to travel up from London.

573. Name: Jane Stokes on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: It is essential for Inverness to be linked directly to London, it is a very bad idea to change the set up to an indirect link.
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574. Name: Susan Bennetta on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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575. Name: Graham Bruen on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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576. Name: John Craig on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: Do not reduce the existing servcies as this will have a negative impact on industry etc in the North of Scotland
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577. Name: The Reverend Timothy L'Estrange on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: I have used the daytime service often, and plan to use the sleeper service in the near future. Please preserve these essential public transport links.
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578. Name: Anonymous on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: I do not agree with closing any scottish services.
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579. Name: James Carter-Birkinshaw on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: Why cut a service that is always busy and well booked up?? It makes no sense, other than proving something with statistics.. Typical..

Please join with me and Save This Train!!

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580. Name: Kelly Garsia on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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581. Name: Mark John on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: This is a most important rail link from the heart of Scotland to the heart of England, a most valuable service used by both business and leisure customers. The government talks about growth let's not destroy it by protecting the industry that needs this service!
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582. Name: Ian Waddell on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: For the Highlands, retaining these train services is absolutely essential.
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583. Name: Frank Campbell on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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584. Name: Penny Phillips on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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585. Name: Sheila A Macdonald on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: A disastrous loss to both locals and visitors. I use both the daytime and overnight service and many of my friends and family from the south of England do too.
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586. Name: Rob Gourlay on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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587. Name: Charles Stoner on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: Retain direct services from London to remote Scotland.
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588. Name: Christine Renwick on Nov 28, 2011

Comments: please keep going

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589. Name: DEREK BOND on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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590. Name: Stewart Campbell on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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591. Name: Mrs Celia Mackintosh Of Mackintosh on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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592. Name: Elly Metcalfe on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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593. Name: Ron Hunt on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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594. Name: Tim Hanlon on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: Invest in some proper marketing and watch those bookings soar. One of the few remaining classic long distance rail journeys we can enjoy in Great Britain, please think again!
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595. Name: Steve Travis on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: Withdrawal of Sleeper Services and through trains would be a huge retrograde step. Please think again.
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596. Name: Anonymous on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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597. Name: Clare Scott-Dempster on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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598. Name: Lorraine Hall on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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599. Name: William Greig on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: A first class service which, I believe, is very important to the economy of Scotland and the UK.
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600. Name: John Jackson on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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601. Name: The Bruce Family on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: The Caledonian sleeper is the fastest and most comfortable way to get from Inverness to London and back, absolutely vital for the economy of the Highlands; the Highland Chieftan is equally vital, one of the best train services in the country, prepare for huge protests
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602. Name: Caroline Schwartz on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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603. Name: Bill Renwick on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: I support the rail links to help the Highlasnd economy.
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604. Name: Karen Ramsay on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: Disabled and Elderly would, under NO circumstances, be able to transfer trains at Edinburgh. It is totally unacceptable to even consider this option.
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605. Name: Anonymous on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: Essential to have this reliable city to city service: appalling suggestion that changing at Edinburgh would be a reasonable

thing to do!

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606. Name: Alexander Barclay on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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607. Name: Gregory Johnson on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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608. Name: Mark Stewart on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: Please save the sleeper
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609. Name: Rachel Weldon on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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610. Name: Richard Campbell on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: These trains are a vital link to Scotland & the Far North, travelling overnight and waking refreshed at your location has been an important part of Rail travel since Sleeper Services began. They are an integral part of the Rail Industry and should not be lost to another Faceless Bureaucratic Decision.
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611. Name: David G Brown on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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612. Name: Ann Bentley on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: we prefer to use the train when we travel to Scotland, its by far the better way of getting from London to Scotland - for the planet and for my family. Removing these services is a backward step and will look like the UK misjudging investment in the railways yet again.
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613. Name: Louis Hoffman on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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614. Name: Joseph M Scott on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: I have been an SNP supporter since 1960s, nae mair if this gauns ahied. We Eck has hud it wae me.
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615. Name: Jane Yeadon on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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616. Name: Lesley Sinclair on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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617. Name: Grahame Gourlay on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: A short term gain such as this is not in the long term interests of Scotland, its people or tourism. Please take the long term view.
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618. Name: Thomas Douglas Wilson on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: The direct rail link both daytime & night sleeper must be retained in fact the rail link should be upgraded to create a faster link to both central Scotland and London
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619. Name: J.Tedford on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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620. Name: JEAN HARRIS on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: We need an efficient rail infrastrucure which replaces the need for short haul flights. The sleeper is an excellent example of this
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621. Name: Malcolm Sinclair on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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622. Name: Jem Sandford on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: An essential service.
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623. Name: Jem Sandford on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: An essential train service.
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624. Name: Anonymous on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: A vital service, there is no real alternative other then to fly
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625. Name: Gregor M Munro on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: It's not less trains we need. More like more trains, more carriages, better quality (Scotrail commuters all the way south is nonsense) and better catering Please.
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626. Name: Lawrie Cridiurran on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: This is a ridicxu
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627. Name: Jonathan Anderson on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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628. Name: Lawrie Curran on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: This idea is ridiculous. And so is the ending of ferries from Stranraer by Stena.
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629. Name: Ailsa on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: Glasgow may be Scotland's second city, but is equally important in commercial terms, it's a disgrace to even think about axing the Glasgow London sleeper service
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630. Name: Kim Checketts on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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631. Name: Pam Hay on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: This facility is necessary. There is no airline link to Heathrow, please do not take anything more away from us.
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632. Name: Denise Hargreaves on Nov 28, 2011
Comments: A everyday basic service that is essential infrastructure between England and the Highlands, unbelievable to even consider axing such vital transport, shocking.
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633. Name: John Reeves on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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634. Name: Jennifer L MacLeod on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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635. Name: Anonymous on Nov 28, 2011
Comments:
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636. Name: Mr J B White on Nov 29, 2011
Comments:
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637. Name: Douglas McDonald on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: I have a heart condition and only fly if I cannot find any other alternative the loss of these trains would effect my travel. I once some years ago had to change trains at Edinburgh to go to York and I found that I had to go up and over and down to get to the other platform and carrying luggage was a strain I certainly could not do this now. I also almost missed my connection
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638. Name: Laurina Hildering on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: never ever if think of stopping with your great rail service..you will regret it
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639. Name: Douglas McAllister on Nov 29, 2011
Comments:
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640. Name: Maureen Rea on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: In Europe you can travel from country to country on the same train. We should be able to travel the length of our country on the same train!!!
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641. Name: Dorrit Benden on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: Despite this service is often poor, late and very expensive compared to flights it is the only alternative for elderly/ disabled people who do not wish to fly or those who want to opt for a more sustainable type of transport. This service should be upgraded not abolished!
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642. Name: Maureen Wallace on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: Important to Scotland as a whole for business, leisure and tourism
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643. Name: Mark Chamberlain on Nov 29, 2011
Comments:
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644. Name: J Gulland on Nov 29, 2011
Comments:
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645. Name: Iain S. Fraser on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: These services are SELF-EVIDENTLY essential for the economic welfare of the Highlands and for Scotland generally.
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646. Name: John Dodgson on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: It would be madness to cut this service, and the sleeper to Fort William. The Highlands depend on good transport links and direct rail links to London are part of this.
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647. Name: Julian Goodare on Nov 29, 2011
Comments:
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648. Name: Douglas Russell on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: The Caledonian sleeper is the only thing that makes it possible to visit my family while working in the south. Even flying takes so much time once all the extra time plus connections are factored in. This service is invaluable.
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649. Name: Frank Buckley on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: Scotland does not end at Edinburgh which is 5 hours from here. The Scottish Government are here to serve the whole of Scotland, NOT just the Central Belt.
Frank Buckley
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650. Name: Margaret Harris on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: This is an excellent service - ideal for business people and should not be withdrawn, especially as it is economical and efficient.
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651. Name: Graham Harris on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: Please save our train, what a lifeline between the Scotland Highlands and London
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652. Name: Dr Majid Anwar on Nov 29, 2011
Comments:
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653. Name: Richard Abraham on Nov 29, 2011
Comments:
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654. Name: Mark Talbot on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: Unbelievable this is being considered!!
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655. Name: Gordon Mackay on Nov 29, 2011

Comments:

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656. Name: Tim Dawson on Nov 29, 2011
Comments:
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657. Name: Stephen Connah on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: A direct link to the centre of London is a very valuable asset.
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658. Name: Alison Hart on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: I would like to add my name to those who feel that this direct journey from London to Inverness should remain open
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659. Name: Charlie Bethune on Nov 29, 2011
Comments:
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660. Name: E Peter And Sheelagh Mosley on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: To cut through trains to the highlands and Aberdeen at the Central belt would reduce northern Scotland to a backwater, and put even more strain on the grossly inadequate A9
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662. Name: Douglas McConnachie on Nov 29, 2011
Comments:
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663. Name: Evelyn Gardener on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: These trains are vital for people who live in Scotland and for tourism. Train travel is supposed to be being encouraged!
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664. Name: Sarah Roberts on Nov 29, 2011
Comments:
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665. Name: John Aldous on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: Save our Trains
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666. Name: Elspeth Henry on Nov 29, 2011
Comments:
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667. Name: Anonymous on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: Please do not take away our direct rail routes or sleeper services. Sooner or later we will have no effective air services to LHR/LGW and we will be reliant on the train. If our direct routes are lost we will have years of squabbling before we even have a hope of having them reinstated.
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668. Name: Alan Kinnear on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: Sleeper should be invested and improved not shutdown. It is a valuable and great way to travel for tourists and locals alike.
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669. Name: Kathy Fraser on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: There has for a very long time been an important direct link with London, bypassing Edinburgh and Glasgow. . Now it is more essential than ever. Our involvement in the tourist industry has proved the importance of a direct day and night link with London. I often use the day train and welcome the time to work uninterrupted by the need to change - with all that that means - missing connections, waiting on draughty stations etc. The Highland Chieftain is admirably timed for arriving in the city with an evening to spare. The night train is equally well timed and convenient with the minimum of time wasted. As more people are relocating to the Highlands, but with work links in London, it seems more important than ever to preserve and enhance existing business arrangements and to encourage new ones.
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670. Name: Ian Peacock on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: Have used the sleeper Trains all my life and it is one of the most convenient ways to get to London. I am flying from Heathrow to Los Angeles next week and a good nights sleep and the Tube out to Heathrow makes it convenient and economical

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671. Name: Martin Evans on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: An excellent service - what are you thinking?
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672. Name: Anonymous on Nov 29, 2011
Comments:
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673. Name: Anonymous on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: Please retain direct train services between Scotland and London!
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674. Name: Tom Smith on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: We love visiting London and using Eurostar from St Pancras
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675. Name: John Saynor on Nov 29, 2011
Comments:
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676. Name: Margot Kerr on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: Residents of Inverness as well as tourists and business people use the sleeper!
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677. Name: David William Preston on Nov 29, 2011
Comments: The loss of these services would have an adverse effect on tourism, trade and social infrastructure of those areas of Scotland they serve.
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678. Name: Joan Porter on Nov 29, 2011
Comments:
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679. Name: Chris Nendick on Nov 30, 2011
Comments: The sleepers and daytime trains provide a vital roll in tying two countries together. They have always been popular and should not be axed.
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680. Name: Ann Nowicki on Nov 30, 2011
Comments:
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681. Name: Richard Frimston on Nov 30, 2011
Comments: The sleeper is totally wonderful and necessary. Removing it would push more traffic back into short haul flights, which would be very unenvironmental.
Investment in new sleeper rolling stock is desperately required and needed to keep the Kingdom United.
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682. Name: Ross Corbett on Nov 30, 2011
Comments: Removing the sleepers would directly effect the economy of the Highlands. I for one would no longer travel that far if I had to change in Edinburgh.

You will be making a big mistake!
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683. Name: Deborah Waldron on Nov 30, 2011
Comments: I use both the sleeper to get to and from London, and the East Coast service to get between Newcastle and Inverness. So do many of my friends. I would be extremely angry if either of these services were curtailed. We have terrible road links up here, so train is often the only sensible option. I urge the Scottish Government to remember that people live and work in the Highlands, not just the Central Belt!
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684. Name: Anonymous on Nov 30, 2011
Comments: I use both the sleeper to get to and from London, and the East Coast service to get between Newcastle and Inverness. So do many of my friends. I would be extremely angry if either of these services were curtailed. We have terrible road links up here, so train is often the only sensible option. I urge the Scottish Government to remember that people live and work in the Highlands, not just the Central Belt!
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685. Name: Paul Bennett on Nov 30, 2011
Comments: This proposal would dramatically affect our business prospects.

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686. Name: Anonymous on Nov 30, 2011
Comments:
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687. Name: Frank Knowles on Nov 30, 2011
Comments: A valuable service that needs to be kept
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688. Name: Mavis Elliott on Nov 30, 2011
Comments: My husband and I are both over 80. We have relatives in Suffolk, Herts and London. We find it particularly difficult to get to Suffolk as so many train changes are required and this is not at all easy for us now. Buses take too long, driving is too tiring and to go there and back by plane is nerve-racking. Please ask them to make the journey easier for us by cutting out the number of changes necessary.
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689. Name: Heather Rickards on Nov 30, 2011
Comments: Direct trains from London to Inverness are an important and environmently friendly link. I fear that having to change trains at Edinburgh would cause more people to fly to Scotland.
The loss of the sleeper train would effect not only business travellers but take away a wonderful means of reaching Scotland for holiday travellers.
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690. Name: Thomas Elliott on Nov 30, 2011
Comments: Like my wife, Mavis Elliott, I am an octogenarian. I find it very difficult to change trains and carry luggage over bridges etc. I strongly support your petition. Thomas Elliott
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691. Name: J Menzies on Nov 30, 2011
Comments: Why on earth would the cut direct rail links - get their act together.
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692. Name: Gale L Falconer on Nov 30, 2011
Comments: IT IS CRUCIAL TO KEEP THIS VALUABLE SERVICE AS IT FREES UP THE ROADS AND HELPS TO REDUCE CAR EMISSIONS WHICH BENEFITS EVERYONE IN THE LONG RUN.
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693. Name: Ann Thomson on Nov 30, 2011
Comments:
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694. Name: Anonymous on Nov 30, 2011
Comments:
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695. Name: Colin Champion on Nov 30, 2011
Comments: It is difficult to fathom the utter stupidity of minor politicians who wish to cut essential travel links with London. Clearly they have no qualifications to be in the position to take strategic decisions which could so radically effect the economy of the Highlands and loss of employment in an already fragile economy. Wouldn't it be comforting to have decisions made that help business travellers as opposed to having to fight the constant boneheadedness of inadequate people on committees that seem otherwise unemployable that make such crassly ill-informed decisions. And, how much a year of tax payers money do they receive for this utter incompetence?
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696. Name: Francesca Black on Nov 30, 2011
Comments: I think it's really important to save all train services where possible.
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697. Name: Susan Inglis on Nov 30, 2011
Comments:
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698. Name: Pauline Mackay on Nov 30, 2011
Comments:
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699. Name: A M Smith on Nov 30, 2011
Comments: The proposals will be deterrent to north south travel.
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700. Name: Andrew Goudie on Nov 30, 2011
Comments: Agree this would put those in the Highlands at a significant disadvantage.

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701. Name: Anonymous on Dec 01, 2011
Comments: we need this service
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702. Name: Mr Christopher Morris on Dec 01, 2011
Comments:
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703. Name: Ivan Hiscox on Dec 01, 2011
Comments: I live in aberdeen and use the sleeper service on average once a year. Having to change trains in edinburgh would remove the advantage of the overnight train and I wouldnt use it. I'd fly instead.
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704. Name: A.M.Woodier on Dec 01, 2011
Comments: Please save the sleepers. It's a long trip to London & the only way to have a decent rest is the sleeper.
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705. Name: Susan Briscoe on Dec 01, 2011
Comments: It's not just the Scots need this service! To travel to Inverness from Cheshire is more by overnight sleeper.
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706. Name: Alastair Barrow on Dec 01, 2011
Comments: An important life line to to northern Scotland!
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707. Name: James Dale on Dec 01, 2011
Comments:
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708. Name: Paul Telco on Dec 01, 2011
Comments:
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709. Name: Alison McKay on Dec 01, 2011
Comments:
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710. Name: Ruth Carroll on Dec 01, 2011
Comments:
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711. Name: Charlotte Svenson on Dec 01, 2011
Comments:
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712. Name: R Sale on Dec 01, 2011
Comments: Please keep the overnight service
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713. Name: Stephen Kiely on Dec 01, 2011
Comments: I have used the train service to Aberdeen and intend to use the sleeper service soon. It is very short sighted to think of withdrawing or curtailing these fine services!
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714. Name: Gordon Hopewell on Dec 01, 2011
Comments:
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715. Name: James Head on Dec 01, 2011
Comments: Please do not stop this service it's one of the best ways to travel to Scotland!
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716. Name: Tiffany Ho on Dec 01, 2011
Comments:
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717. Name: Ian Walker on Dec 01, 2011
Comments: Another example of how the powers that be are trying to make rail travel difficult. Changing at Edinburgh is not a viable nor practical option. In order to maintain sustainability and the highland economy the direct rail link must remain.
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718. Name: Dr Patrick Zentler-Munro on Dec 01, 2011
Comments: What a disaster this would be! I am a frequent traveler from Inverness to London, both by Sleeper and the day train. By day, I use the train as my "office", and in neither case would I be willing to change in Edinburgh - I'd rather fly, which is usually cheaper. Has anyone collected data on the number travelers from north of Perth who cross the border?
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719. Name: Anonymous on Dec 01, 2011
Comments:
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720. Name: Sarah Kelly on Dec 01, 2011
Comments: save the chieftan!
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721. Name: Neil Robertson on Dec 01, 2011
Comments: If the service was better advertised more people would use it!.
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722. Name: Anonymous on Dec 01, 2011
Comments: Please keep Caledonian sleeper in full- it's a low co2 and sane way to travel. I think it's good value..
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723. Name: John Dunn on Dec 02, 2011
Comments: Please continue the current direct sleeper services between London and the Highlands. It's not a luxury service - it's essential!
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724. Name: Peter Godfrey on Dec 02, 2011
Comments: I use the Inverness-London sleeper service at least twice a month for work purposes, and find it an invaluable, civilized and time-saving way of travelling between the Highlands and the south. It must be safeguarded as a vital link and a jewel among rail journeys for the sake of comfortable travel, convenience, commuting in a congenial, environmentally friendly way - and tourism.
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725. Name: Jim Anderson on Dec 02, 2011
Comments: The Sleeper is an essential part of the transport network serving the Highlands and is more economical than flying. One nights B&B not necessary when using the sleeper. great way to travel south
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726. Name: Anonymous on Dec 02, 2011
Comments:
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727. Name: Brenda Richmond on Dec 02, 2011
Comments:
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728. Name: Brenda Richmond on Dec 02, 2011
Comments:
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729. Name: Peter J Heaton on Dec 02, 2011
Comments: Vital,excellent services, sleeper particularly needs more publicity
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730. Name: Graham Duffy on Dec 02, 2011
Comments:
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731. Name: Anonymous on Dec 02, 2011
Comments:
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732. Name: David Preece on Dec 02, 2011
Comments:
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733. Name: Norman Dilley on Dec 02, 2011
Comments: The idea of cutting two of the best trains in the country is absolutely ridiculous. Both these trains serve Inverness and other stations north of Edinburgh and give the convenience of not having to change.PLEASE KEEP THEM RUNNING
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734. Name: John Innes on Dec 02, 2011
Comments: This is 2011, not the dark ages !!

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735. Name: Kim McLaggan on Dec 02, 2011
Comments: The service is a must have for both local folk and visitors alike,a very foolish move by the UK Government
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736. Name: Anonymous on Dec 02, 2011
Comments:
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737. Name: Trish Farey on Dec 02, 2011
Comments: the sleeper is a fantastic way to travel to and from scotland and is well used by visitors. Please keep it
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738. Name: Graham Morgan on Dec 02, 2011
Comments: i regularly use the sleeper to attend meetings in london. apart from feeling that it is an environmentally freindly way of travelling i find the journey wonderful.it is rare that i look forward to a long journey, this one brings me pleasure each time
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739. Name: Gregor Mcneish on Dec 02, 2011
Comments:
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740. Name: Felix Grey on Dec 03, 2011
Comments:
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741. Name: Marie Kilbride on Dec 03, 2011
Comments: These are vital services which must be saved.
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742. Name: Roy Pedersen on Dec 03, 2011
Comments: In view of the distances from the North of Scotland to London and other English cities and the lack of alternatives these direct rail links are vital to maintain access.
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743. Name: Jennifer Rollo on Dec 03, 2011
Comments: I would not be able to visit the South if the sleeper is withdrawn due to age and disability. Please, please do not do this.
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744. Name: Jennifer Rollo on Dec 03, 2011
Comments: I would not be able to visit the South if the sleeper is withdrawn due to age and disability. Please, please do not do this.
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745. Name: Rie Munro on Dec 03, 2011
Comments: It is such a special way to travel. Please save the Caledonian Sleepers!
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746. Name: Maureen Tait on Dec 03, 2011
Comments: Everything shouldn't stop in the central belt - the highlands need to keep their direct links
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747. Name: Anonymous on Dec 03, 2011
Comments: What is wrong with this country! We need to keep the railways. not everyone has a car and nor should they.
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748. Name: Uma Devi on Dec 03, 2011
Comments: I fully support the Save our Trains campaign.
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749. Name: Jean Hobbs on Dec 03, 2011
Comments: And yet more cuts to Scotland's services.
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750. Name: Claire Onody on Dec 03, 2011
Comments:
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751. Name: Dominik H. on Dec 03, 2011
Comments:
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752. Name: Thomas Kissinger on Dec 03, 2011

Comments: Keep up this service please

753. Name: Graham Walker on Dec 03, 2011
Comments: This proposal threatens the current integrated train service between Scottish cities and London and must not be allowed. For environmental reasons train travel rather than air must be encouraged and maintained.

754. Name: Jimmy Koh on Dec 04, 2011
Comments:

755. Name: Leo Fraser-Mackenzie on Dec 04, 2011
Comments: I have used the direct trains for many years, both sleeper and day services. They have been vital in enabling regular visits to oversee the investments I have made in the Highlands. Without it such investments will be at risk and mean no more spending on local services, professionals, builders and retail services

756. Name: Anonymous on Dec 04, 2011
Comments: this is an essential service for the highlands tourist trade and an important link between highlands and the south.

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758. Name: Anonymous on Dec 04, 2011
Comments:

759. Name: Alexander Guttenplan on Dec 04, 2011
Comments:

760. Name: Michael Haveron on Dec 04, 2011
Comments: This is just plain silly. I travel between London and Scotland every 6 weeks & used to fly before I got wise and started taking the train - a much more relaxing option! Taking the plane used to mean a taxi to the train station, a train to the airport, queuing to check in, the flight itself, then a wait at baggage control, a bus from the airport, and finally a taxi. Taking the train means a taxi, the train ride, and another taxi from the station - there's less chopping and changing, and once I'm settled on the train I can read, listen to music, do some work, or watch an entire DVD on my laptop, confident I won't need to touch my coat or bags until I'm in Scotland (or London, on the return journey). Forcing me to change trains will probably add an extra hour to my journey time and remove the main advantage that, for me, the train has over the plane.

761. Name: David Richards on Dec 04, 2011
Comments:

762. Name: Adam Forsyth on Dec 04, 2011
Comments:

763. Name: Anonymous on Dec 04, 2011
Comments: These services are absolutely critical for the use by the business community.

764. Name: Frederick Murdoch on Dec 04, 2011
Comments:

765. Name: David Fleming on Dec 04, 2011
Comments:

766. Name: Paul Haywood on Dec 04, 2011
Comments: We've used the sleeper services to Fort William twice, encouraging friends to join us. We simply wouldn't have visited by any other means.

767. Name: Eilidh MacLeod on Dec 04, 2011
Comments:

768. Name: Anonymous on Dec 04, 2011
Comments:
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769. Name: David Fraser on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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770. Name: Annette Lamoreaux on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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771. Name: Chris Holmes on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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772. Name: Joel Ben-Guira on Dec 05, 2011
Comments: I have used these services between London and Aberdeen and withdrawal will force me onto flights which I thought we were meant to be avoiding where possible.
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773. Name: Anonymous on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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774. Name: Iain Percival on Dec 05, 2011
Comments: This is a disgrace and yet another example of how little attention is paid to the business and welfare interests of those who live in the Highlands. I was under the impression that the clearances are part of history - or is history repeating itself?
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775. Name: Robert Jacobs on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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776. Name: Kiersten Henderson on Dec 05, 2011
Comments: The Sleeper train is my life line - It allows me to stay in touch with my family and for my daughter to have many great experiences of travelling overnight on the train - far more exciting (and much easier) than travelling by plane. Living in the Highlands is isolating enough - don't remove the one thing that keeps me from wanting to move back to England.
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777. Name: M. Crossan on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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778. Name: Richard Watts on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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779. Name: Julie Morgan on Dec 05, 2011
Comments: My daughter is in Uni, and she feels safe on the trains coming to and from London at night. The sleeper is always full. It is needed!!!
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780. Name: Clare Ashley on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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781. Name: John B Cairns on Dec 05, 2011
Comments: As train travel becomes more and more the way of linking between places in mainland UK Scotland should require direct links between its major cities and London. Forcing change at Edinburgh would be a disservice to tourism particularly for anywhere other than Edinburgh.
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782. Name: Andrew Thomson on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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783. Name: Rowan Harris on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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784. Name: David Carpenter on Dec 05, 2011
Comments: Changing trains is not an option. Without the through services, I would travel by an environmentally less friendly form of

transport, i.e. car.

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785. Name: A. C. Baxter on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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786. Name: Peter Melville on Dec 05, 2011
Comments: good reliable transport links are essential in todays world
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787. Name: Zhanna on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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788. Name: Jeff Cowley on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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789. Name: James Aitchison on Dec 05, 2011
Comments: I cannot believe that any marginalisation of outlying communities through the proposed reduction in rail services can be supported
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790. Name: Ian Munro on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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791. Name: Arthur Dawes on Dec 05, 2011
Comments: we need to save them
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792. Name: Jessica Marmion on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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793. Name: Jessica Marmion on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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794. Name: Anonymous on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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795. Name: Laura Sheridan on Dec 05, 2011
Comments: you will reduce your tourism trade
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796. Name: Reynolds on Dec 05, 2011
Comments:
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797. Name: Ally Butterworth on Dec 06, 2011
Comments: i use this train, it's fantastic and would be a real shame and hinderance if it were to be stopped.
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798. Name: Dr Richard Dudley on Dec 06, 2011
Comments:
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799. Name: Karl Wortmann on Dec 06, 2011
Comments:
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800. Name: Anne Barker on Dec 06, 2011
Comments: Please do not stop this essential service for people like me who need to pop up & back overnight to care for elderly parents in Scotland.
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801. Name: Duncan Bell on Dec 06, 2011
Comments: I'm currently planning a holiday in the Highlands - without the sleeper train we simply wouldn't go! This will have a huge effect on the Highland tourist industry
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802. Name: Andrew Smith on Dec 06, 2011
Comments: Save the Caledonian sleeper service and keep more cars off the roads!
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803. Name: James Bowkett on Dec 06, 2011
Comments:
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804. Name: Hemant on Dec 06, 2011
Comments:
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805. Name: Vicky Brock on Dec 06, 2011
Comments: As an employer and contributor to the local economy, this, following on from preceding encroachments on airlinks (like the Heathrow route) will make me seriously question whether it remains possible to keep my business located in the Highlands.
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806. Name: John Davis on Dec 06, 2011
Comments: I use the highland sleeper service for leisure several times a year for direct access to the hills over long weekends. If it is scrapped I'll be forced to go & spend my time & money in the hills of England and Wales. Flying takes me to the wrong places & coaches/driving take too long. Don't do it.
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807. Name: Mike Cresswell on Dec 06, 2011
Comments: My wife & I are regular users of the Highland Chieftain from London to Inverness & also travel occasionally from London to Aberdeen & on the sleepers to Fort William & Glasgow. We are horrified to think these train services may be withdrawn!
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808. Name: Stuart Gray on Dec 06, 2011
Comments:
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809. Name: Peter Smith on Dec 06, 2011
Comments:
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810. Name: Stephen Kibble on Dec 06, 2011
Comments:
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811. Name: Nicolas Brown on Dec 06, 2011
Comments: The train to Scotland represents a convenient and green alternative to flying, which is the only other option for business travel.
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812. Name: David Wilson on Dec 06, 2011
Comments: sleepers should be saved
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813. Name: Anthony Thorogood on Dec 07, 2011
Comments: I am planning to use this line next year
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814. Name: Michelle McAllister on Dec 07, 2011
Comments: The sleeper services are an invaluable service and should be kept. They have offered me a flexible and easy way to travel and I hope they will continue. They would be a great loss
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815. Name: AILEEN EMMS on Dec 07, 2011
Comments:
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816. Name: Ken Macpherson on Dec 07, 2011
Comments: I need this link for business trips. Travelling by plane or car is often a lot more hassle.
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817. Name: Anne Chaplin on Dec 07, 2011
Comments: Missing the connection at Edinburgh due to trains running late will cost the train service more in taxis, hotel accommodation etc than what it would cost to keep the Highland sleeper going.
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818. Name: Phillip Joe on Dec 07, 2011

Comments:

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819. Name: Mike Emms on Dec 07, 2011
Comments: In a modern economy fast and reliable transport links are essential. Our direct service to London must be retained and if anything, enhanced.
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820. Name: Clara Zilahi on Dec 07, 2011
Comments:
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821. Name: Ian Thomson on Dec 07, 2011
Comments: Must maintain the direct link at all costs
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822. Name: Elliot Bannister on Dec 07, 2011
Comments:
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823. Name: Brian Stone on Dec 07, 2011
Comments: It is vital that direct links are maintained to ensure a viable and more environmentally friendly alternative to flying and support the economy of northern Scotland.
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824. Name: Jonathan Bowen on Dec 07, 2011
Comments: Dont let this jhappen,
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825. Name: Tim Crabtree on Dec 07, 2011
Comments: Please do not remove this service. It is invaluable for reaching North Scotland from Ldn. It would also lead to a major drop-off in tourism to rural areas in Scotland.
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826. Name: DEBBYWOOD on Dec 07, 2011
Comments: SAVE THIS! SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE NOT TRIED IT YET!
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827. Name: Peter Mennie on Dec 07, 2011
Comments: The public need more choice not less. Save these services from the axe. No more Beeching!
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828. Name: Rosemary Stewart on Dec 07, 2011
Comments:
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829. Name: Tom Hardie on Dec 08, 2011
Comments: Direct services should be regarded as "life line" services and protected.
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830. Name: Stephen Green on Dec 08, 2011
Comments:
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831. Name: Craig Campbell on Dec 08, 2011
Comments:
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832. Name: Keith Slater on Dec 08, 2011
Comments: It is essential that the sleeper is maintained (and improved) as an ecologically sound alternative to flying.
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833. Name: David Evans on Dec 08, 2011
Comments: The service provides a quality link Capital to Scotland. If it needs subsidy then it should have it. I use the service myself often. It allows late departure from Capital.
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834. Name: Harriet Pickles on Dec 08, 2011
Comments:
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835. Name: Peter Edmondson on Dec 08, 2011
Comments: And we want to encourage use of land trnsport rather than flying? Dont shut it!

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836. Name: Malcolm C Howe on Dec 08, 2011
Comments: I am already forced to change trains at Edinburgh to reach Glasgow by the East Coast route and this would be a further & un-necessary degradation of the service.
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837. Name: Mr A Coombes on Dec 08, 2011
Comments: Caledonian sleeper is an essential tool to the business and leisure traveller. Arriving in scotland or london via overnight travel is essential. It's a great service, I work with many people who use the sleeper service.
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838. Name: Saulo Barros on Dec 08, 2011
Comments: safe the sleeper
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839. Name: Steve Day on Dec 08, 2011
Comments:
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840. Name: Gillian O'Connell on Dec 08, 2011
Comments: The thought of it is quite disgraceful - means we will be even more cut off in Inverness
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841. Name: Joanne O'Brien on Dec 08, 2011
Comments: This is a valuable and useful service which I use regularly for work. Withdrwing it will be a terrible loss.
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842. Name: Joanne O'Brien on Dec 08, 2011
Comments: This is a valuable and useful service. Withdrawing it would mean a terrible loss.
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843. Name: Margaret Coyle on Dec 08, 2011
Comments:
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844. Name: Dave Beech on Dec 08, 2011
Comments:
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845. Name: Tony Lloyd on Dec 08, 2011
Comments: The direct rail service is the "greenest" option reducing the number of journeys made on domestic flights
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846. Name: Anonymous on Dec 08, 2011
Comments:
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847. Name: Anonymous on Dec 08, 2011
Comments: Regular and reliable transport connections are essential for the economic wellbeing of this growing Scottish City and the hinterland area that it serves.
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848. Name: David J Peppitt on Dec 08, 2011
Comments: Essential service between Inverness and England for tourists visiting Caithness, Sutherland and Orkney
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849. Name: Sophie Scott on Dec 08, 2011
Comments: Places in Scotland that aren't Glasgow or Edinburgh are already very poorly connected with England. Many areas near Perth have little or no transport linking them with the outside world resulting in isolating entire communities. If the Sleeper was to withdraw direct services to these more remote areas it would result in a huge loss for many communities. This is another example of cutting things that are badly needed.
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850. Name: Dan Charlton on Dec 08, 2011
Comments: There is currently only one direct train in the day from London to Perth and beyond. If anything more services should be added, a reduction is nothing short of lunacy.
P.S. I love sleepers.
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851. Name: Heather Ruth on Dec 09, 2011
Comments: It is vital for businesses that we keep the sleeper. I have 2 executives who use the sleeper all the time to travel between Aberdeen and London as it saves on hotel accomodation.

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852. Name: Susan Sutherland on Dec 09, 2011
Comments: Don't stop this facility. My grandsons and I love travelling to London on the sleeper train. It's easy, environmentally friendly and cost effective. Why would you think of stopping it?!
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853. Name: Jane Wilkinson on Dec 09, 2011
Comments: We need this service through to the North of England and beyond without a change in Edinburgh and the sleeper provides a vital link
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854. Name: Alison Milne on Dec 09, 2011
Comments:
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855. Name: Hazel Weeks on Dec 09, 2011
Comments: I am senior citizen who stil want to be connected to cultural life of UK - withdraw of this service would make my journey more difficult .
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856. Name: Shona Main on Dec 09, 2011
Comments: This service is vital. Don't take it away.
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857. Name: Jill Lewis on Dec 09, 2011
Comments: At a time when plans are being put in place for high speed rail links in england it woudl be v. short sighted to reduce rail links to further north.
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858. Name: Paul Kivlin on Dec 09, 2011
Comments: I think that this is an essential service to the Public and the Sleeper allows people to travel over night and relax in stead of rushing place to place to try and catch a train!
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859. Name: Jonathan Davidson on Dec 09, 2011
Comments: any change to the sleeper service would have a negative result on the highland economy
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860. Name: Daniel Kent on Dec 09, 2011
Comments: The loss of revenue must be a practical concern - the loss of iconic named trains must be an emotional one. Both must mean that these trains can not be lost to Scotland and Britain.
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861. Name: Gavin Keir on Dec 09, 2011
Comments:
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862. Name: Jacky Tyrie on Dec 09, 2011
Comments:
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863. Name: Fred Durman on Dec 09, 2011
Comments: We will be poorer without these services.
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864. Name: Signe Johnston on Dec 09, 2011
Comments: These trains are brilliant and keeps family and friends connected. It will just create unnecessary problems for those travelling not to mention make journey times longer.
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865. Name: Michael Evans on Dec 09, 2011
Comments: The Caledonian sleeper provides an excellent service, particularly for those of us who don't fly (unsafe) and want to travel overnight
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866. Name: Anonymous on Dec 09, 2011
Comments:
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867. Name: Anonymous on Dec 09, 2011
Comments:
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868. Name: Andrew Robertson on Dec 09, 2011
Comments: Far better to keep this going than to close it and regret it years later.
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869. Name: Mike Gordon on Dec 09, 2011
Comments:
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870. Name: Laura Reid on Dec 09, 2011
Comments:
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871. Name: Veronica Morriss on Dec 09, 2011
Comments:
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872. Name: Sally Millar on Dec 09, 2011
Comments:
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873. Name: Hannah Charlesworth on Dec 10, 2011
Comments:
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874. Name: Nicola Brooks on Dec 10, 2011
Comments: At a time when the rest of Europe and the south of England are concentrating on high speed rail links, this move would be a step backwards for Scotland.
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875. Name: Janie Watson on Dec 10, 2011
Comments:
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876. Name: Heather Duncan on Dec 10, 2011
Comments: This is a vital connection for Scots and for visitors on business and holiday.
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877. Name: Euan Mackay on Dec 10, 2011
Comments:
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878. Name: Daniel Stevens on Dec 10, 2011
Comments:
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879. Name: Graham Lampard on Dec 10, 2011
Comments:
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880. Name: Anonymous on Dec 10, 2011
Comments: Please save the Sleeper Trains
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881. Name: Paul Harrison on Dec 10, 2011
Comments: I use this service only because it is direct, and the overnight service gets me to my destination at a sensible time for business. An indirect rail service would be far less attractive.
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882. Name: Colin Haswell on Dec 10, 2011
Comments:
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883. Name: Robert Olding on Dec 10, 2011
Comments:
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884. Name: Kate Hillier on Dec 11, 2011
Comments: Please don't withdraw the Service it is lunacy and already marginalised people will be marginalised further.
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885. Name: Jane Davis on Dec 11, 2011
Comments:
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886. Name: Jane Davis on Dec 11, 2011
Comments:
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887. Name: Edd Turner on Dec 11, 2011
Comments: A poor decision when we should be aiming to reduce our reliance on domestic flights
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888. Name: John Friedberger on Dec 11, 2011
Comments: Direct day and night service to Inverness from London essential for business travel
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889. Name: Dominic O'Neill on Dec 11, 2011
Comments: Keep this trainline open; advertise it more. Invest!
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890. Name: Ann Arands on Dec 11, 2011
Comments: The sleeper must be kept, for visitors, families, business people, elderly, disabled, getting to London/ Inverness early in the morning, without hassle, in comfort, peace and quiet.
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891. Name: Malcolm Sutherland on Dec 11, 2011
Comments: this service is vital to tourism and business in Scotland
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892. Name: Anonymous on Dec 11, 2011
Comments: Keep this wonderful journey.
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893. Name: Iris Gollner on Dec 11, 2011
Comments: No cuts please! We need the direct train from London to Inverness.
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894. Name: Ken Richardson on Dec 11, 2011
Comments: save our railways
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895. Name: J Nicholson on Dec 11, 2011
Comments:
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896. Name: Steve Haunch on Dec 11, 2011
Comments:
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897. Name: Karyn Jackson on Dec 11, 2011
Comments: Please save our sleeper
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898. Name: Andrew Williams on Dec 12, 2011
Comments: Removing the sleeper services would deprive people of an environmentally friendly and convenient way of travelling between many Scottish destinations and London. It would represent a significant backward step, leaving the only sleeper services in the UK being those in England between London and Cornwall, with there being none linking England and Scotland. Further, to force daytime travelling passengers to change at Edinburgh seems most unreasonable and unfair, and would add significant amounts of time to journeys for people travelling from major Scottish cities outside of Edinburgh to England.
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899. Name: Peter Bowen on Dec 12, 2011
Comments:
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900. Name: Matthew Alexander on Dec 12, 2011
Comments: A vital service for those wishing to spend time in Scotland over weekends.
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901. Name: David Bibby on Dec 12, 2011
Comments: As President of Ibex MC, a London-based mountaineering club, I speak on behalf of our 120 members when I urge the authorities to retain the Caledonian Sleeper service in its present form. We travel to Scotland (mainly the Highlands) in great numbers throughout the year to pursue our adventures. In doing so, we not only take great pleasure in visiting this wonderful area, but make regular significant contributions to the local economies. Were the service to be downgraded or abolished, it would be a substantial loss both to ourselves and to the regions served. Please do not let this happen.
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902. Name: Anonymous on Dec 12, 2011
Comments:
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903. Name: Ailsa on Dec 12, 2011
Comments:
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904. Name: Anonymous on Dec 12, 2011
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905. Name: Anonymous on Dec 12, 2011
Comments: Save the direct highlands connection, and the sleeper to London - cutting them is a completely retrograde step.
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906. Name: Judith Hurst on Dec 12, 2011
Comments:
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907. Name: John Sprague on Dec 12, 2011
Comments:
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908. Name: Anonymous on Dec 12, 2011
Comments:
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909. Name: Martin Hydes on Dec 12, 2011
Comments: it's as plain as a pikestaff that railways are the future. They are a big employer of skilled workers...engineering, electronics etc. Private car ownership has peaked. Short flights are an environmental pestilence. Even supermarkets have gone back to home deliveries.
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910. Name: George Bright on Dec 12, 2011
Comments:
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911. Name: Jenny Jacoby on Dec 12, 2011
Comments:
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912. Name: Maria-Pia Galea on Dec 12, 2011
Comments: It would be a very sad loss and a backward step to stop the sleeper service and direct services to station sin scotland.
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913. Name: Simon Clarke on Dec 12, 2011
Comments:
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914. Name: Helen Wheeler on Dec 13, 2011
Comments: This an important service, an overnight service provides a practical alternative to air travel, for business visits and catering to those with limited time.
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915. Name: Hugh Mackay on Dec 13, 2011
Comments:
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916. Name: Stephen Murray on Dec 13, 2011
Comments: The Highland economy vitally needs reliable and fast transport links - such as the direct trains between Inverness and London. How can Transport Scotland purport to support carbon reduction while at the same time plan to scrap direct trains?
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917. Name: David Haddrell on Dec 13, 2011
Comments:
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918. Name: Hayley Lewis on Dec 13, 2011
Comments: this service is essential to the economic well-being of the Highlands communities it serves - please don't give us a second rate service
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919. Name: Miles Hutchings on Dec 13, 2011
Comments: If I couldn't travel by sleeper train from London to Edinburgh I'd travel by car . . . how awful.
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920. Name: Joanneke Kruijzen on Dec 13, 2011
Comments:
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921. Name: James Montgomery on Dec 13, 2011
Comments: At a time when integrated travel is the future, to consider making rail travel more complex and slower seems to go counter to Government policy.
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922. Name: David Watts on Dec 14, 2011
Comments:
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923. Name: Susan Watts on Dec 14, 2011
Comments:
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924. Name: Philip Cliff on Dec 14, 2011
Comments: We regularly use the sleeper to travel from Inverness to London and find it a comfortable and efficient service. No other form of transport offers a city centre arrival at the most convenient time of day.
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925. Name: Margaret Graham on Dec 14, 2011
Comments: Yet another link between Scotland and the rest of the UK being cut!
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926. Name: Katrina McDonald on Dec 14, 2011
Comments:
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927. Name: Richard Metson on Dec 14, 2011
Comments: making an extra step in introducing changeovers will significantly impact uptake of trains for these journeys and will see a decline in profits and viability of the trains, cause more people to fly and therefore increase carbon emissions, as well as further maiming our once world beating train system.
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928. Name: Elizabeth Woodhouse on Dec 14, 2011
Comments: save the sleeper trains
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929. Name: Ann Bradshaw on Dec 14, 2011
Comments: desperately hoping for the caledonian sleeper to continue pleeeeeease
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930. Name: Charles Margetts on Dec 14, 2011
Comments: The sleeper service must be kept. It is a vital link between the highlands and london
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931. Name: Ann Murray on Dec 14, 2011
Comments:
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932. Name: Shona on Dec 14, 2011
Comments:
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933. Name: Anonymous on Dec 14, 2011
Comments: The loss of direct trains, especially the sleeper, would be a great loss to both Londoners and people living in the Highlands.
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934. Name: Calvin McDonald on Dec 14, 2011
Comments:
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935. Name: Guy Hoare on Dec 14, 2011
Comments: If the sleeper is scrapped, many of my journeys from London to Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee will have to be undertaken by air which is devastating for the environment. Scrapping the sleeper would be a disaster and would encourage air travel.

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936. Name: David Eade on Dec 15, 2011
Comments: Very short-sighted to axe these vital train links
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937. Name: Betty Eade on Dec 15, 2011
Comments: environmentally friendly services should be promoted not scrapped
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938. Name: Megan Streb on Dec 15, 2011
Comments: As a resident in England, access to a sleeper service would be a deciding factor in choosing a holiday. To avoid losing part of the tourist economy, I urge you to consider this in your consultation.
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939. Name: Mark Robertson on Dec 15, 2011
Comments: its our heratige !!!
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940. Name: James Champness on Dec 15, 2011
Comments:
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941. Name: Jan Jedrusik on Dec 15, 2011
Comments:
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942. Name: David JS McGregor on Dec 15, 2011
Comments:
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943. Name: Graham Paterson on Dec 15, 2011
Comments:
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944. Name: Andrew Hickson on Dec 15, 2011
Comments: I shall be less likely to take short breaks in Scotland should direct services & the sleepers be axed.
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945. Name: Darren Haste on Dec 15, 2011
Comments: My wife and kids use the Caledonian Sleeper regularly to visit grandparents in Scotland!!!
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946. Name: Beverly Cookman on Dec 15, 2011
Comments:
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947. Name: Robert Anderson on Dec 15, 2011
Comments:
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948. Name: Martin John Ridgley on Dec 15, 2011
Comments:
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949. Name: GARRY GREEN on Dec 16, 2011
Comments: Please don't make detrimental changes to services - enough companies are doing this already! Let's keep standards high, with choice an option.
- An overnight sleeper service is a great service to be offering - which provides the opportunity not to waste time (allowing users to get quality sleep, during long journeys).
- It is fine to investigate the successfulness, benefit, and value-for-money of the service, but please do not rush through negative and damaging changes without allowing customers the chance to fully examine your findings, and then listening to- and considering their comments fully. Thanks.
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950. Name: Angela Madden on Dec 16, 2011
Comments:
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951. Name: Ross Mackenzie on Dec 16, 2011
Comments:

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952. Name: Peter Pinney Tilghman on Dec 16, 2011
Comments: The closure of either the Highland Chieftain or the Highland sleeper would be highly detrimental to tourism and to the link fro England to Scotland
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953. Name: Anonymous on Dec 16, 2011
Comments:
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954. Name: Marcelo Zaha on Dec 16, 2011
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955. Name: Marc Dodge on Dec 16, 2011
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956. Name: D Mounts on Dec 16, 2011
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957. Name: Arlene JOHNSTONE on Dec 16, 2011
Comments:
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958. Name: Michael Field on Dec 16, 2011
Comments:
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959. Name: Keven Matthews on Dec 16, 2011
Comments:
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960. Name: Gillian Halley on Dec 16, 2011
Comments:
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961. Name: Margaret Allan on Dec 16, 2011
Comments: This sleeper service is always fully booked when I have tried to book, so the service is needed in the north. It is ideal for business as well as pleasure.
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962. Name: Peter Farley on Dec 17, 2011
Comments: Making everyone change in Edinburgh is silly
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963. Name: Alison Fulton on Dec 17, 2011
Comments: We are a family of 5 and regulary use the sleeper service to link with London for Gatwick flights abroad. It offers an excellent much needed service for the highlands and is a great alternative to flying. The direct day train is also invaluable and used regularly by family in London to visit us here in Inverness. We should be expanding train services, not reducing them. They should bring back the car transit train, even if only in the summer. This would encourage British people to holiday in the UK which would be great for our economy.
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964. Name: Ian Mackenzie on Dec 17, 2011
Comments: This threat to the rail service is totally unacceptable. It simply is not right that people of the North should be treated in this way, and be denied this service. It should not even come up for discussion. What are the SNP thinking about.
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965. Name: Anonymous on Dec 17, 2011
Comments: please do not do this to us. People of our age group will find it so much more difficult to have to make the journey to London and then have to change trains. Come on you politicians surely you can do better than this. Really we are not asking for too much and also consider the proposals from George Osborn for the £50 million towards the cost of an update share for any future Sleeper Service.
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966. Name: Tanya Castell on Dec 17, 2011
Comments: We need to keep the Highlands well connected to England
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967. Name: Paul McClure on Dec 17, 2011

Comments:

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968. Name: Anonymous on Dec 17, 2011
Comments:
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969. Name: Mark Fielding on Dec 17, 2011
Comments: Please retain the Highland Sleeper to Fort William, Inverness and Aberdeen, as it is an essential service and is often the only way to get to these destinations.
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970. Name: Angus Macleod on Dec 17, 2011
Comments: I have used it in the past, I hope I will be able to use it in the future.
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971. Name: Frank Macdonald on Dec 17, 2011
Comments: Being a city Inverness needs the trains and being the Highland capital it needs it for the tourism potential to open the unique highland experience to the world.
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972. Name: Joel Cross on Dec 17, 2011
Comments:
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973. Name: Michael Nicholson on Dec 18, 2011
Comments: This is simply the best and most comfortable way to travel North from London, Keep the night sleeper trains!!!
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974. Name: Sheila Macdonell on Dec 18, 2011
Comments:
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975. Name: Norma O'Grady on Dec 18, 2011
Comments:
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976. Name: Prem Mohan Raj on Dec 18, 2011
Comments:
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977. Name: Angela Lee Mikhelson on Dec 18, 2011
Comments: The direct train services to the Inverness are absolutely vital to the Highland economy. Personally I would find it v.difficult to visit my family as I am 75 and have considerable health problems: back pain and difficulty walking.
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978. Name: Anonymous on Dec 18, 2011
Comments: The direct train services to the Inverness are absolutely vital to the Highland economy. Personally I would find it v.difficult to visit my family as I am 75 and have considerable health problems: back pain and difficulty walking.
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979. Name: Carol Low on Dec 18, 2011
Comments: It is ridiculous to suggest that train between Scotland and London would only start at Edinburgh. Travelling from north of there would mean having to trail your luggage between platforms and for an elderly person that would not be easy. Save our trains.
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980. Name: Donald Halliday on Dec 18, 2011
Comments: I rely on, and use regularly, the direct trains from Newcastle to Inverness. Great trains! Changing at Edinburgh is just not the same.
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981. Name: M Baker on Dec 18, 2011
Comments:
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982. Name: William Edwin Godfrey on Dec 18, 2011
Comments: Never have I felt so strongly against something as I have felt against this. There is simply no justification to withdraw these vital services from these communities. It's not because I frequently use them myself, it's because others do. Others who come into the Highlands spend money in the local economy. This will be an unqualified disaster.

Stop this lunacy and stop it now!

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983. Name: Mandy Brown on Dec 18, 2011
Comments:
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984. Name: JONGJIN on Dec 18, 2011
Comments: hi ^^
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985. Name: Lee Robinson on Dec 18, 2011
Comments: I recently travelled to London from Glasgow on the Caledonian Sleeper. An excellent service. I will always use this service in future.
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986. Name: Peter Darmady on Dec 18, 2011
Comments: The direct service from Inverness, still 100 miles away from our home, is the best way for us to visit the south of England. Flights are now a nightmare, with unnecessarily invasive security measures and driving is a 2 day job. The proposed mandatory Edinburgh change of trains is a contemptible retrograde step.
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987. Name: Carole Darmady on Dec 18, 2011
Comments: A scandal. We are already isolated enough as it is and have to pay over the odds for transport. This will only depress our economy further. This also proves we don't matter. I'll vote for anyone who's going to sort this.
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988. Name: John Darmady on Dec 18, 2011
Comments: A disgrace. As a pensioner, this will make my travel options considerably poorer and more tiring.
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989. Name: Mena Wilson on Dec 18, 2011
Comments: Sleeper trains are important and cost effective!
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990. Name: Paul Anderson on Dec 18, 2011
Comments: This is a really dumb idea - a decent train service is something that differentiates Great Britain and something that should be retained.
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991. Name: Sarah Stirrup on Dec 18, 2011
Comments: This would deter me from using the train - I have young children and changing trains makes the journey difficult. I would fly instead.
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992. Name: Paul Russell on Dec 18, 2011
Comments:
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993. Name: Martin Hodges on Dec 18, 2011
Comments: This is ridiculous shortsightedness we should be growing public transport and rail links not cutting them. When it's gone it's gone forever. Don't do it.
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994. Name: Skora Rémy on Dec 18, 2011
Comments:
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995. Name: Chris Stokes on Dec 18, 2011
Comments:
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996. Name: CATHY RICHARDSON on Dec 18, 2011
Comments: WE NEED THIS SERVICE LETS UNITE TO SAVE IT
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997. Name: Kate Eveleigh on Dec 18, 2011
Comments:
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998. Name: Anonymous on Dec 18, 2011
Comments:
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999. Name: Chris Wotton on Dec 18, 2011
Comments:
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1000. Name: Lionel G. Clarke on Dec 19, 2011
Comments: One of the greatest things about visiting Scotland and the UK is the train service. Please don't make the same mistakes Canada has made!
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1001. Name: Lorna Mikhelson on Dec 19, 2011
Comments:
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1002. Name: Chris Tinson on Dec 19, 2011
Comments:
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1003. Name: Rebecca Martin on Dec 19, 2011
Comments:
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1004. Name: Ian Lamb on Dec 19, 2011
Comments: My views are already known to the 'Courier' and the wider community, it would simply result in a far wider 'Highland Clearance' than that after Culloden in 1746! It just cannot be allowed to happen.
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1005. Name: Jeanne Short on Dec 19, 2011
Comments:
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1006. Name: Fiona Alford on Dec 19, 2011
Comments:
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1007. Name: Rebecca Gilliver on Dec 19, 2011
Comments: I use this environmentally and pleasant way to travel frequently. It must be saved!
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1008. Name: Geraldine Connah on Dec 19, 2011
Comments: Horrified to think you can ignore the Highland capital and all the people up here.
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1009. Name: Ashley Miller on Dec 19, 2011
Comments: The withdrawal of the sleeper service would make it impracticable to go to the Highlands for a walking weekend, heading out on Friday night and arriving back in London on Monday morning fresh enough to get into work.
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1010. Name: Steven Reakes on Dec 19, 2011
Comments: I am a user of the Scotrail sleeper services to easily access the Highlands to bag Munros. The sleeper means I can arrive early morning and straight into the hills. Can't believe anyone would think of ending this wonderful service. Steven Reakes
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1011. Name: Malcolm MacKenzie on Dec 19, 2011
Comments: Transport Scotland should be attempting to improve links between the Highlands and the rest of the UK, not destroy them. If removing direct rail services to all destinations south of Edinburgh is the best it can come up with it's members should resign, or be sacked, en masse.
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1012. Name: Margaret McGowan on Dec 19, 2011
Comments: Use these links on business
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1013. Name: Jack Steadman on Dec 19, 2011
Comments:
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1014. Name: Ben Jones on Dec 19, 2011
Comments:
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1015. Name: Dave Voisey on Dec 19, 2011
Comments: There seems to be little chance that the Edinburgh/Glasgow to Inverness line will be further upgraded so please, at least, keep a through service to London. Both day and night services.

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1016. Name: Rosalind Fletcher on Dec 20, 2011
Comments: A great shame if the sleeper is removed. We use thw Night Riviera service which is very good
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1017. Name: David Poole on Dec 20, 2011
Comments: This train is a must for tourism Scotland
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1018. Name: Michiel Notten on Dec 20, 2011
Comments:
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1019. Name: Roberta Stewart on Dec 20, 2011
Comments: It would be terrible to lose such a fantastic facility and very useful means of transport
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1020. Name: Antony Yorath Evans on Dec 20, 2011
Comments: I thought the Welsh and the Scots were supposed to be setting an example to the English - what a message the axing of direct services will send ! I frequently use the early morning direct service from Leeds to Aberdeen - an excellent train, and also use the same train back to York. This train has heavy loadings confirming the need for direct services north of Edinburgh.
To change at Edinburgh with children, baggage and for older people such as myself is not easy and will definitely force me to fly to Scotland in future.
Please consider all the implications of your proposal before axing these valued services.
The axing of sleeper trains is an ill considered proposal when we should all be getting greener. There are rarely any cheap tickets available omn the Euston to Fort William service which clearly demonstrates there is a need for this service. Please increase the number of sleeper carriages on this route - don't axe it !
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1021. Name: Sophie Scott on Dec 20, 2011
Comments: My family and I love to travel to the Highlands by train - we went earlier this year on the sleeper and we all loved it. My 3 boys (aged 11, 9 and 6) and my husband and I would be really sad if it was lost, as it would make it much harder for us to get to Inverness, and much less fun! Please save the Inverness sleeper!
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1022. Name: Patrick Miller on Dec 20, 2011
Comments:
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1023. Name: DAVID AND JOAN MCKAY on Dec 20, 2011
Comments: THESE TRAINS MUST BE SAVED
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1024. Name: Isabel Oram on Dec 20, 2011
Comments: Sleeper service in invaluable and used several times a year by myself and my husband. It is often very full. Ridiculous to consider stopping
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1025. Name: Tom Oram on Dec 20, 2011
Comments: Sleeper service is excellent and invaluable to business men like myself
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1026. Name: Matthew Jefferies on Dec 20, 2011
Comments: this would be terrible
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1027. Name: Anonymous on Dec 20, 2011
Comments: I rely on the sleeper to Aviemore for visits from my family from London over weekends otherwise with their work commitments, they could not fit in 2 full days with me.
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1028. Name: Barbara Schmidt on Dec 20, 2011
Comments: we need to do everythng possible to increase the amount of rail travel- not decrease it.
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1029. Name: Dominic Birch on Dec 20, 2011
Comments:
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1030. Name: KEVIN MACKINTOSH on Dec 20, 2011
Comments: we should be encouraging rail travel not trying to make it more difficult.
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1031. Name: Jenny Adams on Dec 20, 2011
Comments:
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1032. Name: Paul Flanagan on Dec 20, 2011
Comments:
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1033. Name: Marek Soltys on Dec 20, 2011
Comments:
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1034. Name: Karen McDonald on Dec 20, 2011
Comments: This is an essential service!!1
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1035. Name: Anonymous on Dec 20, 2011
Comments: The Highland sleeper is must for the recreational and economic connection London and Scotland
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1036. Name: Anonymous on Dec 20, 2011
Comments: Its special, its great. Upgrade it and advertise it. So few people seem to know about it!
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1037. Name: G. Rogier on Dec 21, 2011
Comments:
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1038. Name: Bob Clark on Dec 21, 2011
Comments: It amazes me that ANY Government would consider reducing train travel in such times. They should be encouraging us to use our cars less and to use public transport.....unless they are more interested in revenue from fuel tax than protecting the environment !
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1039. Name: Benedict Headicar on Dec 21, 2011
Comments:
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1040. Name: Susan Swallow on Dec 21, 2011
Comments: The UK needs a modern interconnected railway - linking the capital city London to all corners of the UK!
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1041. Name: Rhian Wood on Dec 21, 2011
Comments:
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1042. Name: Elizabeth Harwood on Dec 21, 2011
Comments: Diffinately save this link I use it often during any given year. It is a very important link between London and the highlands and a big backward step to down grade it!
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1043. Name: Roderick I Stewart on Dec 21, 2011
Comments: It would be a tragedy if the sleeper services were to be ended. Living in Devon in the south west of England, the overnight sleeper is the only practical way to reach the Highlands to visit relatives and friends, without breaking the journey. With daytime travel an overnight stop is unavoidable because journey times are too long to provide an arrival in Scotland the same day, with enough time for an onward connection to the final destination. Why does the consultation paper only seem to focus on the city centres north and south of the border? There are many people who live and work away from these hubs, for whom the sleeper is a vital part of a much longer journey.
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1044. Name: Anonymous on Dec 21, 2011
Comments:
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1045. Name: Margaret Young on Dec 21, 2011
Comments:
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1046. Name: Kenneth R Young on Dec 21, 2011
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1047. Name: Keith Johnstone on Dec 21, 2011

Comments:

1048. Name: Andrea Seedhouse on Dec 21, 2011
Comments:

1049. Name: Clive Corner on Dec 21, 2011
Comments:

1050. Name: Melody Adams on Dec 21, 2011
Comments:

1051. Name: Richard Davies on Dec 21, 2011
Comments:

1052. Name: Jennifer Bingham on Dec 21, 2011
Comments: For heavens sake, it is the best way to travel, last week 11 of my family used it (both ways) - it is crazy to cancel it.

1053. Name: John Hammond on Dec 22, 2011
Comments: The proposal to axe through trains and sleeper services is an appallingly backward and short-sighted step.

1054. Name: Chris Latimer on Dec 22, 2011
Comments:

1055. Name: Leslie Wilson on Dec 22, 2011
Comments: Please save the 'sleeper'.

Thank you,

Leslie Wilson

1056. Name: Catherine Johnstone on Dec 22, 2011
Comments: We are greatly disadvantaged for travel up in Inverness already, this would just be another blow.

1057. Name: Heather Beck on Dec 22, 2011
Comments:

1058. Name: George Herraghty on Dec 22, 2011
Comments:

1059. Name: Jean Fleetwood on Dec 22, 2011
Comments: THIS IS SO VERY IMPORTANT TO US IN SO MANY WAYS. EAST COAST MUST SHOW INVERNESS IN ITS SPECIAL DEALS.

1060. Name: Clare Hewitt on Dec 22, 2011
Comments: It is just as vital for the north end of the country to be connected directly to London as the south end .

1061. Name: John Dunning on Dec 22, 2011
Comments:

1062. Name: Adrian Whitchurch on Dec 22, 2011
Comments: I use the sleeper train for holidays in Scotland and would not bother going by day train.

1063. Name: Sanjay Agarwal on Dec 22, 2011
Comments:

1064. Name: William Pearce on Dec 22, 2011

Comments: At my age, the through train makes the journey possible as changing trains is slow and difficult.

1065. Name: John Hall on Dec 22, 2011
Comments: I have used this service before and I plan to use it again.

1066. Name: Charles Turner on Dec 22, 2011
Comments: it must stay. otherwise our one remaining similarity with the rest of Europe disappears

1067. Name: Helen White on Dec 22, 2011
Comments:

1068. Name: Andrew Le Tissier on Dec 22, 2011
Comments:

1069. Name: Barbara Hardy on Dec 22, 2011
Comments:

1070. Name: Robert Shanks on Dec 22, 2011
Comments: This is a vital service for both personal and business use and must be retained.

1071. Name: Bill Walker on Dec 23, 2011
Comments:

1072. Name: Bill Walker on Dec 23, 2011
Comments:

1073. Name: Stephen Green on Dec 23, 2011
Comments:

1074. Name: Jerry Luty on Dec 23, 2011
Comments: In the light of air competition it is vital that we have the option of a direct service both by night and day between Inverness and London.

The ability especially to travel by sleeper overnight between Inverness & London is a very important service.

1075. Name: Lewis Roberts on Dec 23, 2011
Comments: Save our sleepers and trains Britain wouldn't be Britain without our trains. Trains are part of our national landmarks

1076. Name: Catriona Chalmer on Dec 23, 2011
Comments:

1077. Name: Ottavio on Dec 23, 2011
Comments:

1078. Name: Dave Henigan on Dec 24, 2011
Comments: Have used it before and is priceless to visiting family and for business

1079. Name: Mrs Doreen Hay on Dec 24, 2011
Comments: Please don't cancel this train service. I have to use a walking stick to get around and been able to get right into England without changing is a God send. It used to stop at Durham on Sundays which was good for me, but it doesn't anymore so now I have to get off at Newcastle. So having to change here is bad enough without one in Edinburgh too.

1080. Name: Ian Jamieson on Dec 24, 2011
Comments: The loss of the Clansman all those years ago meant that there was only the Chieftain which went directly into England. We must not let this happen.

1081. Name: Lucy Mundy on Dec 24, 2011
Comments:
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1082. Name: Bruce Ratcliff on Dec 24, 2011
Comments: It is essential that towns from all over Scotland continue to have direct trains to London. Would like to see Caledonian sleepers run on Saturdays too and more sign of progress on Borders Rail project.
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1083. Name: Bruce on Dec 24, 2011
Comments: It is vital that the direct train services between Inverness, Fort William and Aberdeen to London continue.
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1084. Name: Alessio Giovannacci on Dec 24, 2011
Comments:
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1085. Name: Anonymous on Dec 24, 2011
Comments:
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1086. Name: Aimee Camplin on Dec 24, 2011
Comments:
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1087. Name: Mordechai Weiss on Dec 25, 2011
Comments: Please save this vital service!
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1088. Name: Neil Porter on Dec 25, 2011
Comments: I believe a direct rail link from Inverness to London is essential for the region's economy and without it many people will be forced to use other means of transport including air, which will have a considerable environmental effect.
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1089. Name: Kenneth MacDonald on Dec 26, 2011
Comments: Trains are an essential part of life for some people and should be saved at all costs. It is absolute nonsense that this is even put into question.
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1090. Name: Ramsay McGhee on Dec 26, 2011
Comments: It is essential that the direct link is maintained.
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1091. Name: Margaret Simmonds on Dec 26, 2011
Comments:
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1092. Name: Penny Price on Dec 26, 2011
Comments: save the service!
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1093. Name: Steve Hughes on Dec 26, 2011
Comments: When we're supposed to be saving energy why make train journeys harder and thus encouraging people to fly to London? Making people change trains will only discourage travel by rail.
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1094. Name: Julie Sexton on Dec 26, 2011
Comments:
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1095. Name: John Cunningham on Dec 26, 2011
Comments: Don't cut the Chieftain. We take it every time we come over from the US and love that trip. It would be a genuine loss.
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1096. Name: Les Horn on Dec 26, 2011
Comments: How silly can the Government get in the interest of saving money
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1097. Name: William Newby on Dec 27, 2011
Comments:
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1098. Name: Dennis Boast on Dec 27, 2011

Comments: Thought the government want to get us all off the roads, this is NOT the way to do it.

1099. Name: Dr Leo Mellor on Dec 27, 2011
Comments:

1100. Name: Denise J Smith on Dec 27, 2011
Comments: It will make a nonsense of travellers from Aberdeen having to change at Edinburgh with all the luggage and hopeless if you are travelling with children or elderly people. We want to save our trains - this would be a retrograde step

1101. Name: Stephen Kitchener on Dec 27, 2011
Comments:

1102. Name: Ruth Keyworth on Dec 27, 2011
Comments: Are you barking mad? Beeching in action cut off the feeder lines and then wonder why you have no customers. Anyone with a disability, an amount of luggage or taking animals, will be faced with a nightmare journey. This is not building for the next 100 years, it is tearing down an excellent service to create misery. You could also build a line from Oban to Inverness if you are interested in the future. SNP Pah!!! Old fashioned thinking cut, cut cut. close down the Highlands, and then complain about it.

1103. Name: Charles Hudd on Dec 27, 2011
Comments: Demand will increase with the increasing use of rail

1104. Name: Bernadette Keraudren on Dec 28, 2011
Comments: Too many train lines have been axed. Train transport is simple and safe. It keeps people off the roads and reduces the number of fatal road accidents. Long live the railway system.

1105. Name: Trixie Collin on Dec 28, 2011
Comments:

1106. Name: Catherine Stewart on Dec 28, 2011
Comments: Please save trains - sleeper and daytime north of Edinburgh. The planes are often grounded by weather, which means the trains are an essential link, and we need this service to keep the highlands connected to London and Europe.

1107. Name: Kenneth C Walkert on Dec 28, 2011
Comments: This is a vital service particularly for elderly passengers

1108. Name: Peter Conradi on Dec 28, 2011
Comments: a very bad and short-sighted idea

1109. Name: Debbie Carr on Dec 28, 2011
Comments: this suggested closure will be a terrible blow for the highlands of Scotland. The train service up north is vital and an important part of British life. Planes are not the only option and certainly not everyone's choice, and not reliable in winter. Whoever is thinking of this closure is not thinking of the bigger picture. Please do not close these lines

1110. Name: Anonymous on Dec 28, 2011
Comments:

1111. Name: John Mc Dowell on Dec 28, 2011
Comments:

1112. Name: Jamie Thomas on Dec 28, 2011
Comments: To withdraw these services would be another step in the direction of human madness, which has already led to climate change. So let's have no more folly.

1113. Name: Sarah Golding on Dec 28, 2011
Comments:

1114. Name: Joanne Hepburn on Dec 28, 2011

Comments: This is an absolute disgrace, one simple move in how to isolate the highlands even more, ridiculous!

1115. Name: David J Butler on Dec 28, 2011

Comments: we want to bring communities together in the "big society" of which David Cameron is pushing for to cut these services is a backward step!!!!

1116. Name: Anonymous on Dec 28, 2011

Comments:

1117. Name: Lisa McNeil on Dec 28, 2011

Comments: This sleeper is a lifesaver in the winter months to visit family in aberdeen. It's comfortable and travelling through the night means no time wasted during the day travelling.

1118. Name: C MacDonald on Dec 28, 2011

Comments: I rely on these trains for both business and pleasure as so many others do. Please don't axe them!

1119. Name: Rhydian Harris on Dec 29, 2011

Comments: I use the sleeper service several times a year. Its a wonderful service, convenient and saves a night of accomodatoin.

1120. Name: Flora Neil on Dec 29, 2011

Comments:

1121. Name: Chris Calitz on Dec 29, 2011

Comments: I use these services to visit family that live in the remote highlands. Cancelling it would mean incurring significant extra travel costs.

1122. Name: Dr Andrew Fry on Dec 29, 2011

Comments: I regularly use direct train services (both daytime and sleeper) to the Highlands. Living in East Anglia, I have to make a number of changes to get to these services on the ECML. Having to change again in Scotland would discourage use of the train and make flying a more enticing option, much as I would regret it.

1123. Name: Anonymous on Dec 29, 2011

Comments: A very worthwhile service, that benefits the local economies.

1124. Name: Nick Donaldson on Dec 29, 2011

Comments:

1125. Name: Lisa Zammit on Dec 29, 2011

Comments: I have o change trains commuting to work, it is a nightmare please please do not force your passengers to do this, by cutting out the direct trains.

1126. Name: Paul Rees on Dec 29, 2011

Comments: We use this service when visiting Scotland, do not cut out the direct train service.

1127. Name: Julie Bowman Geiser on Dec 29, 2011

Comments: We took the Caledonian Sleeper from Inverness to London in August. Without that option, we probably would have had to skip Inverness altogether, and that would have been a heartbreaking loss for us on our UK trip! Please keep the trains!

1128. Name: Sam Glennon on Dec 29, 2011

Comments:

1129. Name: Katy Nickles Walters on Dec 29, 2011

Comments:

1130. Name: Katharine Guthrie on Dec 29, 2011

Comments:

1131. Name: Steven Carter on Dec 29, 2011
Comments:
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1132. Name: Twkjzkcuzz on Dec 29, 2011
Comments: sRjV3O dpcxkthoqce, puwvxsojrojb, knkgjacbsmoq, <http://iwchplrlydll.com/>
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1133. Name: Richard Charlton on Dec 29, 2011
Comments:
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1134. Name: Frances McLeod on Dec 29, 2011
Comments:
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1135. Name: David Eaton on Dec 30, 2011
Comments: The through sleeper service from Inverness, Aberdeen and Fort William is a vital, economically sound, socially needed and environmentally friendly service that must be maintained. The option of making passengers from the north of Scotland change trains at Edinburgh for a southbound sleeper or day service is unacceptable and will adversely affect the political fortunes of the Scottish government.
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1136. Name: Anonymous on Dec 30, 2011
Comments:
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1137. Name: M Ramm on Dec 30, 2011
Comments: This transport is necessary
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1138. Name: Una Kelly on Dec 30, 2011
Comments:
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1139. Name: Anonymous on Dec 30, 2011
Comments: As a lone traveller, the prospect of having to change trains and possibly having to wait if connections are missed would make me feel extremely vulnerable. As things stand I could board the train in complete confidence that my journey would be completed without complication.
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1140. Name: Gerry Docherty on Dec 30, 2011
Comments: Direct links by rail between the uk and highland capitals are not just a matter of convenience. Reliable and fast transport links can make the difference between the difference between the success and failure of the highland and Scottish economy.
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1141. Name: Ellen Iremonger on Dec 30, 2011
Comments: It is essential that the direct train link between Inverness and London be maintained to help secure the Highland economy.
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1142. Name: Dr. J. Stephen Sinclair on Dec 30, 2011
Comments: As an American traveler to Scotland and England, I whole-heartedly agree with saving the direct trains between London and the Highlands. The disruption to seamless, convenient train travel into the Highlands by forcing train changes in Edinburgh is a good argument for either foregoing tourism to the Highlands entirely (just too much trouble) or foregoing train travel in favor of private automobile -- one case a bad outcome for the Scottish economy that is so dependent upon tourism, and the other case a bad outcome for the environment. Speaking only as a foreigner, I urge the governing authorities need to think carefully of the unintended consequences of disbanding the direct trains.
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1143. Name: Alistair Leach on Dec 30, 2011
Comments: A mark of a civilised nation are direct trains from the capital to the furthest flung parts of the country. Withdrawal of the daytime trains leaves Scotland looking isolated, and its population inconvenienced.
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1144. Name: James Sinstadt on Dec 30, 2011
Comments:
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1145. Name: Adam Sampson on Dec 31, 2011
Comments: I'm a frequent business user of direct services between Dundee and York (and less frequently between Dundee and London). Having to change at Edinburgh would make day trips to York impractical.
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1146. Name: Cat Chatfield on Dec 31, 2011
Comments:
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1147. Name: Stuart McGrath on Dec 31, 2011
Comments:
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1148. Name: Stuart Allen on Dec 31, 2011
Comments: Most desirable to have the option of travelling to Inverness without having to change at Edinburgh
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1149. Name: Margaret Bradshaw on Dec 31, 2011
Comments: I value the rail services and probably represent a number of others who are unable to sign this petition.
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1150. Name: Anonymous on Dec 31, 2011
Comments: Rail services are important to me and I probably represent a number of people who are unable to express their views in this way.
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1151. Name: A R Pells on Dec 31, 2011
Comments: We have lost ENOUGH good rail services in recent years - please, NO MORE! This is NOT the 1960's!
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1152. Name: David Reeks on Dec 31, 2011
Comments: It looks as though the needs of the travelling public are being sacrificed on the altar of bureaucratic expediency. Probably dreamed up by people who never travel by train on the threatened routes.
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1153. Name: Henry Dellett on Dec 31, 2011
Comments:
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1154. Name: Helen Wilton on Dec 31, 2011
Comments:
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1155. Name: George Maxwell on Dec 31, 2011
Comments: Makes a big difference when we are home
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1156. Name: John Matthews on Dec 31, 2011
Comments:
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1157. Name: Allison Taylor on Dec 31, 2011
Comments:
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1158. Name: Stephen Bradnock on Dec 31, 2011
Comments:
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1159. Name: Aishah Hussain on Dec 31, 2011
Comments: Fond memories of travelling on the Sleeper. Would love to travel on it again.
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1160. Name: M Bale on Dec 31, 2011
Comments: sleepers keep vehicles OFF the roads. they encourage tourists to visit scotland. they allow scots to visit -speedily & safely- london.
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1161. Name: Colin Furneaux on Dec 31, 2011
Comments: The barren thought that though trains from Inverness to anywhere in England should be withdrawn is amazing. It beggars belief that there are supposedly intelligent people who can up with theses suggestions is incredible!
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1162. Name: Alan Fleming on Dec 31, 2011
Comments: The Sleeper service is the green option for travelling. The direct service must be kept.
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1163. Name: RA ROSS on Dec 31, 2011

Comments: A through link from the Highland capital to London is essential to the Highlands and its economy.

1164. Name: Judith Knox on Dec 31, 2011
Comments:

1165. Name: Daisy Hurn on Jan 01, 2012
Comments: My cousin is disabled, she depends on the trains to make an already long journey home to see her family from university. With her disability it's a struggle but she manages because she is determined to maintain her independence. Adding more changes and time on her journey would be yet another barrier to maintaining her independence! I'm certain there are many like her who can't just easily hop on and off trains, it takes a lot of planning. To those proposing the change please bare in mind the fact that this would have a significant impact on station resources who will have a duty to provide more staff to support the hundreds/thousands of people in the same position as my cousin.

1166. Name: Dr Kathleen Forman on Jan 01, 2012
Comments: An exiled Aberdonian, I regularly travel by rail from England to Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Inverness--I do not wish to be forced to travel by air. A senior citizen, I only take direct routes.

1167. Name: Darrell Tovey on Jan 01, 2012
Comments:

1168. Name: Kate Dowie on Jan 01, 2012
Comments:

1169. Name: Anonymous on Jan 01, 2012
Comments:

1170. Name: Jane Maybury on Jan 02, 2012
Comments: A needed service, enabling people to travel easily to spend time in the much loved highlands.

1171. Name: Carolyn Hunt on Jan 02, 2012
Comments: It's so difficult to get to Edinburgh at that time of night to get the sleeper. Please continue north of Edinburgh

1172. Name: Nick Asher on Jan 02, 2012
Comments:

1173. Name: John Clark on Jan 02, 2012
Comments: Oh well back to flying to the Highlands and bugger the environment

1174. Name: Gary Mullen on Jan 02, 2012
Comments:

1175. Name: Kevin Power on Jan 02, 2012
Comments: Maintaining sleeper services will not only mean keeping easier travel from the south of the UK to Scotland which doesn't involve long car journeys nor airflights, but will demonstrate a commitment to the people of the country themselves, strengthening the infrastructure as a way of strengthening human links throughout the UK. Do keep these links open. To do otherwise is wholly un-needed regression. We shall be back to an era that predated the 1880's! 130 years of seamless night time travel to and from Scotland - kaput!

1176. Name: Janette McLean on Jan 02, 2012
Comments:

1177. Name: Benny McCormick on Jan 02, 2012
Comments: regular user this will benefit the economy and is the green option rather than internal flights

1178. Name: Anonymous on Jan 02, 2012
Comments: It is vital to the Highlands that the direct train links with the south are retained. Axing direct trains between Inverness and the rest of the UK would have a serious negative impact on the local and regional economy, tourist trade, businesses and the

environment.

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1179. Name: Anonymous on Jan 02, 2012
Comments: There can be no justification for the withdrawal of direct rail links between Scotland north of Edinburgh and the rest of UK on economic, social, environmental, or political grounds. Such a retrograde step would have adverse consequences under all the above headings, would unnecessarily inconvenience travellers, and would result in increased journey times. No doubt the intention of the report is to ensure it's conclusions will recommend the change, to support the originators' political agenda. I, personally, would in future travel by alternative and almost certainly less environmentally friendly, means, should the change be implemented. I hope the people of Scotland appreciate the adverse, and potentially severe, consequences, and the sheer idiocy of this idea.
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1180. Name: Lindsey Griffin on Jan 02, 2012
Comments: This service is very important for both business and leisure access to Inverness.
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1181. Name: Brendan Moore on Jan 03, 2012
Comments: Please keep the trains running. Lets not have another Beeching disaster for the railways which are a much easier and environmently friendlier way to travel
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1182. Name: Anonymous on Jan 03, 2012
Comments:
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1183. Name: G.A.Staples on Jan 03, 2012
Comments:
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1184. Name: Andy Cook on Jan 03, 2012
Comments:
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1185. Name: Elias Pells on Jan 03, 2012
Comments:
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1186. Name: Ben Robson on Jan 03, 2012
Comments:
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1187. Name: Robert McGarva on Jan 03, 2012
Comments: We are returning to our home in Inverness soon from abroad. Good communications are essential to the North, and this includes direct rail links.
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1188. Name: Colin Macinnes on Jan 03, 2012
Comments:
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1189. Name: David Jordan on Jan 03, 2012
Comments: Very worthwhile petition. The sleeper service to Inverness is very important.
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1190. Name: Shane Youngs on Jan 03, 2012
Comments:
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1191. Name: David Goodchild on Jan 03, 2012
Comments: If there is one rail journey worth keeping. It is in my opinion the Over Night Sleeper. So Delightfull and practical.
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1192. Name: Jean Waudby on Jan 03, 2012
Comments:
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1193. Name: Anonymous on Jan 03, 2012
Comments:
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1194. Name: James Dexter on Jan 03, 2012
Comments: What a nonsense, potentially losng the sleeper service from the central belt makes more sense than losing it from the

north. Please, keep this important SERVICE running !

1195. Name: Ian Fitzpatrick on Jan 03, 2012
Comments: Both of these train services are surely essential to the Scottish economy and are a vital part of visiting Scotland. the romance of the sleeper service to the highlands should be experienced by everyone who considers themselves British! i live in Sheffield and use the sleeper service to visit the highlands several times each year. it would be sadly missed
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1196. Name: Richard MacKenzie on Jan 03, 2012
Comments: save the service its vital to us all
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1197. Name: Peter Szeker on Jan 03, 2012
Comments:
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1198. Name: Anonymous on Jan 04, 2012
Comments:
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1199. Name: Clionadh Pegrum on Jan 04, 2012
Comments:
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1200. Name: Philip Picking on Jan 04, 2012
Comments:
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1201. Name: Daniel Mclynn on Jan 04, 2012
Comments: If this was to happen my ability to visit the Highlands from London, which is very important to me, would be severely undermined.
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1202. Name: Emily Bevan on Jan 04, 2012
Comments:
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1203. Name: Dawn McArthur on Jan 04, 2012
Comments:
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1204. Name: Thomas Mann on Jan 04, 2012
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1205. Name: Marcus Dews on Jan 04, 2012
Comments:
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1206. Name: Rachel Fielding on Jan 04, 2012
Comments:
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1207. Name: Steven Adby on Jan 04, 2012
Comments: Please help to keep our railway system as a viable means of transportation and not allow the proposed routing of everything via Edinburgh to go ahead. This will just drive yet more people to the airlines at a time when the opposite should be happening.
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1208. Name: Mungo Morris on Jan 04, 2012
Comments:
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1209. Name: Steven Harrison on Jan 04, 2012
Comments:
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1210. Name: Brendan Morris on Jan 04, 2012
Comments: Both of the threatened train services are vital necessities to the Highland life and the economy. As a young graduate originally from the north-west of England, scrapping these services will only serve to increase the outward migration of people from the area. These two services are crucial to the economic development of the Highland region. Inverness serves as an interchange for people living further north to Thurso/ Wick, west to the Kyle of Lochalsh and to the east in Moray.

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1211. Name: Brendan Morris on Jan 04, 2012
Comments:
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1212. Name: Anonymous on Jan 04, 2012
Comments:
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1213. Name: Katybrand on Jan 04, 2012
Comments: I think it's important that people can travel throughout this beautiful country. What kind of effect will some of the considered cuts have on tourism? we are not only here for the Olympics and commonwealth games, which are important but not to the detriment of regular train users.
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1214. Name: Benjamin Turner on Jan 05, 2012
Comments: I would rather fly than change at edinburgh!
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1215. Name: Ron. Borthwick on Jan 05, 2012
Comments:
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1216. Name: Elizabeth Borthwick on Jan 05, 2012
Comments:
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1217. Name: Bridget Floyer on Jan 05, 2012
Comments:
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1218. Name: Helen McDade on Jan 05, 2012
Comments: Both the straight-through day and sleeper services are essential for business to thrive north of the central belt.
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1219. Name: Angharad Jones on Jan 05, 2012
Comments:
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1220. Name: Max Carcas on Jan 05, 2012
Comments: Removing these services would definitely be a background step and will be contrary to the Scottish Government's obligations under climate change legislation.
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1221. Name: Anonymous on Jan 05, 2012
Comments: I used the service and plan to do so again.
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1222. Name: Anne Jenkins on Jan 05, 2012
Comments: This is wrong on so many levels
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1223. Name: Graham Arthur on Jan 05, 2012
Comments: We hope to use this service to London fairly often for several years to come.
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1224. Name: Andrew Hajewskyj on Jan 05, 2012
Comments:
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1225. Name: Matthew Bailey on Jan 05, 2012
Comments: As somebody who has regularly travelled to Scotland from the south of England it extremely important that transport links such as this one are maintained. With an ever increasing train usage the service should be improved not reduced.
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1226. Name: Liz Sheppard on Jan 05, 2012
Comments: I regularly travel to Edinburgh, Glasgow and further north in Scotland. Rail links to the north should be improved not destroyed.
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1227. Name: D Ashmore on Jan 05, 2012
Comments:

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1228. Name: JoeCorcoran on Jan 05, 2012
Comments: Please maintain the direct services, no changes no planes please.
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1229. Name: David Kahler on Jan 05, 2012
Comments:
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1230. Name: Michael Bowie on Jan 06, 2012
Comments: I use the Chieftain once a year from Newark, Nottinghamshire. It is one of the country's iconic rail journeys. To even consider scrapping it is madness. Clearly these people have not used the service.
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1231. Name: Roger Sidebottom on Jan 06, 2012
Comments: I use the direct service regularly and consider it the most reliable and efficient route to Inverness. I don't know the passenger numbers but the Highland Chieftain is always busy!
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1232. Name: Marion. McLaren on Jan 06, 2012
Comments: I use the direct service regularly and consider it the most reliable and efficient route to the Highlands.
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1233. Name: KEITH DAWSON on Jan 06, 2012
Comments:
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1234. Name: Doreen Sinclair on Jan 06, 2012
Comments: Direct rail services between Inverness and London are not a luxury to be discarded at the whim of politicians, they are an absolute necessity for the economy of the Highlands.
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1235. Name: Linda MacLennan on Jan 06, 2012
Comments:
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1236. Name: Simon Holmes on Jan 06, 2012
Comments:
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1237. Name: Kara Laing on Jan 06, 2012
Comments:
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1238. Name: Chris Sherratt on Jan 06, 2012
Comments:
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1239. Name: Walter Baird on Jan 06, 2012
Comments: Sleeper services are essential for the economic well being of the Highlands allowing people that they would not have without a car
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1240. Name: StJohn Walsh on Jan 06, 2012
Comments:
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1241. Name: Kate Jones on Jan 06, 2012
Comments:
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1242. Name: Chris Jones on Jan 06, 2012
Comments:
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1243. Name: Michael Keates on Jan 06, 2012
Comments: please keep our trains in service
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1244. Name: Anonymous on Jan 06, 2012
Comments: The need to change trains will discourage people further from using trains & this is bad both for the rail companies & also for the environment

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1245. Name: Helen Hogan on Jan 06, 2012
Comments:
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1246. Name: P PITCHER on Jan 06, 2012
Comments:
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1247. Name: Ramyani Gupta on Jan 06, 2012
Comments:
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1248. Name: Stephen Clarke on Jan 07, 2012
Comments:
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1249. Name: Wendy Conian on Jan 07, 2012
Comments:
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1250. Name: Colin Samuel Ferguson on Jan 07, 2012
Comments:
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1251. Name: Mr K D Buchanan on Jan 07, 2012
Comments:
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1252. Name: Matt Gitsham on Jan 07, 2012
Comments:
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1253. Name: Laura Wells on Jan 07, 2012
Comments:
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1254. Name: David Watters on Jan 07, 2012
Comments: With the UK DtP led procurement of the replacement East Coast Intercity fleet underway, it would be unfortunate, indeed, if stopping anglo scottish trains at Edinburgh was TS's way of avoiding contributing to the cost of the new fleet or a joint UK DTP/TS initiative to reduce the size and hence cost of the new/replacement fleet .
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1255. Name: David Pearson on Jan 07, 2012
Comments: Have over many years been regular user of Highland Chieftain and direct link to London. It is most important to me this service continues.
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1256. Name: Rosamond Hoad on Jan 07, 2012
Comments:
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1257. Name: Alastair Painter on Jan 07, 2012
Comments: this is teh time we should be encouraged to travel by train
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1258. Name: B Levene on Jan 07, 2012
Comments: how ridiculous - it would basicvally mean me never going north of Edinburgh ever again - and all my and my family and friends holiday revenue being lost to Scotland - OK not great shakes - but I would guess this would apply to many more people in similar situations wanting to holiday in Scotland
Even crazier when it seems large amounts of money about to be put into a high speed train for wee England that will do untold damage to the Chilterns and whose economic case is so very iffy
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1259. Name: Karen Phoenix on Jan 07, 2012
Comments: these trains are the only affordable connection between me and my family, changing trains is adding on time and incredible stress to my journey.
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1260. Name: Greg Collins on Jan 07, 2012
Comments: These trains are an important positive contribution to the economy of the Highlands and bring in visitors who otherwise would go elsewhere. They MUST be retained.

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1261. Name: Simon Levene on Jan 07, 2012
Comments:
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1262. Name: Lorely Lloyd on Jan 07, 2012
Comments:
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1263. Name: Anna Simpson on Jan 07, 2012
Comments: We regularly use the direct services from London to Inverness and Fort William and find this far more convenient and timely than changing in Edinburgh. We hope to be able to continue doing this for many years to come
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1264. Name: Charlie Sharp on Jan 07, 2012
Comments: We regularly use the direct services from London to Inverness and Fort William and find this far more convenient and timely than changing in Edinburgh. We hope to be able to continue doing this for many years to come
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1265. Name: Lindsay Southcombe on Jan 07, 2012
Comments:
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1266. Name: Christos Ioannou on Jan 07, 2012
Comments: Whether thinking at the largest global scale (encouraging people out of their cars and off planes to reduce carbon emissions) or at the small local scale of the economy of highland towns, SAVE THIS ROUTE. We need more like it, not less.
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1267. Name: Tessa Kingsley on Jan 07, 2012
Comments: Clearly we should be encouraging rail travel, instead of making it more inconvenient.
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1268. Name: Patrick Aspray on Jan 07, 2012
Comments: Love a good train.
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1269. Name: Jacqie Levin on Jan 07, 2012
Comments:
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1270. Name: Dan on Jan 08, 2012
Comments: This is the first step to close these services completely. By inconveniencing people and making them change in Edinburgh for ANY connection to London you risk putting people off using the train altogether and making them opt for a domestic flight instead. The Government has a duty to the environment not to put obstacles in the way of people travelling more sustainably.
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1271. Name: D. Miller on Jan 08, 2012
Comments: The thought of changing would put me off train travel.
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1272. Name: Kevin Goodlass on Jan 08, 2012
Comments:
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1273. Name: Sarah Bayley on Jan 08, 2012
Comments: this is an important service economically and logistically linking northern Scotland with the rest of the UK.
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1274. Name: Phyllis MacRae on Jan 08, 2012
Comments: Scotland does not end at Edinburgh. There is a population beyond which has service needs. I use this train to Newcastle as it is direct. As a person becomes older the convenience of direct trains are a bonus. The stress of having to change, while trundling your luggage and having to find the correct platform at a very busy station is not something I want to do. I would imagine that the platform could be some distance away maybe over a railway bridge and with limited time to reach the connection. For older people like myself it is also physically exhausting. We need a direct link to London especially for connecting to other parts of the world and our business people need to have this access if they are to meet with other businesses in order to have a vibrant company which in turn brings employment to areas north of Edinburgh.
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1276. Name: Anonymous on Jan 08, 2012
Comments:

1277. Name: Hazel Halse on Jan 08, 2012
Comments: Quite apart from losing an iconic service (one of the great railway journeys) this would clearly inconvenience many customers and the proposed changes are to be deplored

1278. Name: Anonymous on Jan 08, 2012
Comments: Please keep The Chieftain as it is.

1279. Name: Judith Levene on Jan 08, 2012
Comments:

1280. Name: Miriam Walker on Jan 08, 2012
Comments: Trains are very important to Scotland's Tourist industry

1281. Name: Judy Caine on Jan 08, 2012
Comments: Please don't stop this service. My family lives in Tongue and I take my son up on the train from London 2-3 times a year.

1282. Name: Clare Thomas on Jan 08, 2012
Comments:

1283. Name: Stephen Faherty on Jan 08, 2012
Comments:

1284. Name: Natalie Tuckwell on Jan 08, 2012
Comments: I'm trying to reduce pollution emissions by travelling to Scotland by train, the sleeper train makes this possible and enjoyable.

1285. Name: Joy Cahill on Jan 08, 2012
Comments: It would be a very bad mistake to take away train services from northern Scotland. Not only would it cut the north off from the rest of the UK and make it even more difficult to travel, it would also take a more environmentally friendly way of travelling within the UK away from people, in an age where we are trying to cut our use of green house gases.

1286. Name: Kate Muir on Jan 08, 2012
Comments: This is ludicrous !

1287. Name: Anonymous on Jan 08, 2012
Comments:

1288. Name: Steve Tait on Jan 08, 2012
Comments:

1289. Name: Kit Jones on Jan 08, 2012
Comments: down with this sort of thing!

1290. Name: Elena Blackmore on Jan 08, 2012
Comments: Ancient Nordic is not a luxury

1291. Name: Anonymous on Jan 09, 2012
Comments:

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1292. Name: Harry Thompson on Jan 09, 2012
Comments:
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1293. Name: Christopher Gallop on Jan 09, 2012
Comments: My wife and I live in London, but our daughter is at Glasgow University and we have many other friends and relatives in other parts of Scotland. Discontinuing through services from London to other parts of Scotland would be a major blow to our use of the railways for travel. I understand that the Caledonian Sleeper will be refurbished and / or new carriages built which is great news, but I would still hope that through services further north could be maintained.
Thank you.
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1294. Name: Jenny Cuff on Jan 09, 2012
Comments: I have been travelling between Kings Cross and Inverness on the overnight sleeper arriving early in the morning and ready for conferences on the day of arrival.
I could not manage a non-direct journey with bags to struggle with in the middle of the night for safety reasons as well as the inconvenience and arriving completely frazzled... I have once travelled by coach which was extremely arduous, the after affects felt like jet lag. Sleeper trains are a must and a real alternative to flying which we must cut down on.
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1295. Name: John Hearson on Jan 09, 2012
Comments:
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1296. Name: Karen Graham on Jan 09, 2012
Comments:
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1297. Name: Carolyn Upson on Jan 09, 2012
Comments: I think we should be doing everything to encourage rail travel and making people change trains in Edinburgh will not do this.
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1298. Name: Danielle Coleman on Jan 09, 2012
Comments: Please don't axe these services!
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1299. Name: James Held on Jan 09, 2012
Comments: please save this service
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1300. Name: Kim Pilgrim on Jan 09, 2012
Comments:
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1301. Name: Jenna Pickering on Jan 09, 2012
Comments: Please save our direct sleeper and daytime services from London to Inverness!
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1302. Name: Laura McGinlay on Jan 09, 2012
Comments:
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1303. Name: Geoff Kaile on Jan 09, 2012
Comments: Such a beautiful way to travel, it would be a terrible piece of our heritage to lose
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1304. Name: Mike Miller on Jan 09, 2012
Comments: This would be an appalling dis-service to rail travellers who live in Aberdeen, Dundee, Inverness, etc.. I use the East Coast Mainline from Aberdeen to London. If the service is axed then people will just use the plane rather than have the hassle of changing in Edinburgh. Madness!
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1305. Name: Sarah Yule on Jan 09, 2012
Comments: This is a time when rail networks should be opening up and becoming more streamlined NOT becoming disjointed and a disincentive for people to use due to stressful and unnecessary changes at already busy stations such as Edinburgh when wishing to travel from north to south of the border.

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1306. Name: Mel Turner on Jan 09, 2012
Comments: Every country should be encouraging train travel and relying less on air and road both of which are more environmentally harmful.
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1307. Name: Jo Markland on Jan 09, 2012
Comments:
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1308. Name: Andrew Heywood on Jan 09, 2012
Comments:
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1309. Name: Craig Bissell on Jan 09, 2012
Comments: Keep the night train
-
1310. Name: Priscilla Mouritzen on Jan 09, 2012
Comments: Essential to keep Scotland connected!
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1311. Name: Lucy Cheung on Jan 09, 2012
Comments:
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1312. Name: Paul Allan on Jan 09, 2012
Comments:
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1313. Name: Ian Kitchingham on Jan 09, 2012
Comments: an essential service from to/from the highlands
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1314. Name: Mark Palmer on Jan 09, 2012
Comments:
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1315. Name: Charles Hall on Jan 10, 2012
Comments: the highland sleeper is a wonderful and useful service
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1316. Name: Penelope Hall on Jan 10, 2012
Comments:
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1317. Name: B Jackson on Jan 10, 2012
Comments: Please save these train services as we need them for work
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1318. Name: Anonymous on Jan 10, 2012
Comments:
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1319. Name: Ewen Watt on Jan 10, 2012
Comments: Passengers cities/towns north of edinburgh would be discriminated against. we pay national taxes and deserve a national rail service with through trains to/from London. The sleeper service is a valued point to point alternative to ever more expensive air travel.
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1320. Name: Mark Gillespie on Jan 10, 2012
Comments:
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1321. Name: Anonymous on Jan 10, 2012
Comments:
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1322. Name: David Wilson on Jan 10, 2012
Comments: I have used the direct London-Inverness sleeper in the past and found it an excellent service which makes it crucially more likely that I would visit the area for a short period (e.g. long weekend) as it is hugely time-efficient especially for a busy working person. Loss of this service would adversely affect the attractiveness of the Inverness region as a tourist destination, in my view.

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1323. Name: Louise Hampton on Jan 10, 2012
Comments:
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1324. Name: Tamsin Cribb on Jan 10, 2012
Comments:
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1325. Name: Anonymous on Jan 10, 2012
Comments: this is such a fantastic service. I can think of nothing better than visiting the highlands by train. Waking up and seeing the purple hills roll by the window is one of the best travel experiences I can imagine after leaving the bustle of London.
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1326. Name: Jan Heeren on Jan 10, 2012
Comments: this excellent and convenient connection needs to stay. And it is a happy, romantic memory
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1327. Name: Zeph Blair on Jan 10, 2012
Comments:
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1328. Name: Anonymous on Jan 10, 2012
Comments:
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1329. Name: Molly Blair on Jan 10, 2012
Comments: I use the sleeper often and find it an essential affordable (unlike most other options) journey option.
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1330. Name: Jacqueline Davies on Jan 10, 2012
Comments: Please save the sleeper!!!
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1331. Name: Rosie Westwood on Jan 10, 2012
Comments:
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1332. Name: T. Aaron on Jan 10, 2012
Comments: Cutting these services would be a retrogressive step too far.
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1333. Name: Fiona Munro on Jan 10, 2012
Comments: please do not axe the sleeper service
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1334. Name: Emma Ferguson on Jan 10, 2012
Comments:
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1335. Name: Milena Zaharieva on Jan 10, 2012
Comments: sleeper trains are important and the service must continue!!!
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1336. Name: Anonymous on Jan 10, 2012
Comments: don't do it
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1337. Name: Anonymous on Jan 10, 2012
Comments:
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1338. Name: Dr Philippa Berry on Jan 10, 2012
Comments: This would be a very retrograde policy step at a time when we should be investing in environmentally sustainable transport, ie trains and buses, and discouraging long car journeys.
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1339. Name: Mrs Wilma Lapham on Jan 10, 2012
Comments:
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1340. Name: Mr R Garrington on Jan 10, 2012

Comments: it really would be ashamed to lose another direct rail service, as we have lost so many direct rail services to tourist areas in this country

1341. Name: Anonymous on Jan 11, 2012
Comments:

1342. Name: Lorna Thompson on Jan 11, 2012
Comments:

1343. Name: Lucy Stanic on Jan 11, 2012
Comments:

1344. Name: Rebekah Shaw-Macleod on Jan 11, 2012
Comments:

1345. Name: Alison Ferguson on Jan 11, 2012
Comments: keep trains running.

1346. Name: Max Goldstein on Jan 11, 2012
Comments:

1347. Name: CHris Fletcher on Jan 11, 2012
Comments: The Inverness train is a major requirement for Highland tourism north of Inverness. We operate a small business near Lairg, and this train is a particular selling point. Flights are also useful, but the train can be more reliable particularly in winter. Removing the sleeper option means less environmentally friendly flights would be used more often.

1348. Name: Michael Palmer on Jan 11, 2012
Comments: Through trains between London (and other English centres) and Aberdeen, Inverness and Fort William are vital to Scotland's economy, tourist industry and to the continuance of a discernibly British rail network. There is no clear advantage to the travelling public in these proposed changes; quite the opposite and there would also be serious implications for jobs in Inverness, Fort William and Aberdeen depots if the 'turnaround' of long distance trains were to be abolished. This proposal seems to me the latest unfortunate policy of an increasingly narrow-minded, parochial and self-referential 'nationalist' executive.

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1350. Name: David Alan Holdsworth on Jan 11, 2012
Comments:

1351. Name: George Pasteur on Jan 11, 2012
Comments: I am opposed to the closure of the Caledonian Sleeper service to Inverness on the grounds that it is a time-efficient and hassle free way (cf to airports) to travel the length of the country. One suggestion to make cost savings would be improved fire detection systems which would allow for fewer on board staff. Please invest in the service rather than closing it. Thank you.

1352. Name: Alan Barrie on Jan 11, 2012
Comments: If this was a one dimensional issue no train line would ever have been built to the north the central belt - cutting service is actually the easiest option in the Boardroom - overall commitment to all customers takes guts.

1353. Name: Susan Douthit on Jan 11, 2012
Comments:

1354. Name: Kristian Kerr on Jan 11, 2012
Comments:

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1355. Name: Brian Leak on Jan 11, 2012
Comments:
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1356. Name: Jonathan Elgar on Jan 12, 2012
Comments:
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1357. Name: Alice Marston on Jan 12, 2012
Comments: trains are the future
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1358. Name: Anonymous on Jan 12, 2012
Comments: would like to see sleeper service retained as it is now, with full service north of edinburgh and glasgow
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1359. Name: Nicki Giles on Jan 12, 2012
Comments: Please do not isolate people north of Edinburgh especially those who are disabled like myself, for whom changing trains is not an easy matter.

This service is a vital link!
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1360. Name: Anthony Pinner on Jan 12, 2012
Comments: Such a useful service especially with increasing air fares. Please retain.
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1361. Name: John Davis on Jan 12, 2012
Comments: Keep the railways passenger friendly
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1362. Name: Robert Isaacs on Jan 12, 2012
Comments:
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1363. Name: Alice Hill on Jan 12, 2012
Comments:
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1364. Name: Zoe Porter on Jan 12, 2012
Comments:
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1365. Name: Judith McLain on Jan 12, 2012
Comments:
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1366. Name: Paddy Fletcher on Jan 13, 2012
Comments: The sleeper trains are essential for highland tourism and are invariably full. There is no alternative for those with lots of luggage who can't fly to Inverness. And flight services are constantly being cut anyway. Axeing the sleeper leaves us ever more dependent on the airlines, for whom Inverness is not a priority.
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1367. Name: Neville And Kay Anderson on Jan 13, 2012
Comments: This is an essential service used by us using the direct service between Newcastle and Inverness. We are elderly and the direct service is essential.
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1368. Name: Dr Neil McNair on Jan 13, 2012
Comments: At a time when we should be doing more for the environment, we need to do more to help the best alternative to domestic flights - direct rail travel the length of Britain is the most responsible option, and should be protected and encouraged.
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1369. Name: Anonymous on Jan 13, 2012
Comments: I would like to see the sleeper continue to serve stations north of Edinburgh
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1370. Name: Mark Elphick on Jan 13, 2012
Comments: We must preserve the direct link with London and cities north of Edinburgh. This is an essential public service and should not be subject to so called cuts when it is a method of transport that is deemed essential for many including the elderly and infirm.

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1371. Name: Chris MacManus on Jan 13, 2012
Comments:
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1372. Name: Mrs Kathryn O'Donnell on Jan 13, 2012
Comments:
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1373. Name: Anonymous on Jan 13, 2012
Comments: Keep this vital link open
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1374. Name: Jessie Farquhar on Jan 13, 2012
Comments:
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1375. Name: Robert Olding on Jan 13, 2012
Comments:
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1376. Name: David Kennedy on Jan 13, 2012
Comments:
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1377. Name: Kevin Benstead on Jan 13, 2012
Comments:
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1378. Name: Frank Macdonald on Jan 14, 2012
Comments: Trains are needed as Inverness is now a city why is it being treated as a backwater, and trains are needed for tourists to the highlands as people come here from all over the world.
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1379. Name: Susan Wallace on Jan 14, 2012
Comments:
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1380. Name: Garry Henderson on Jan 14, 2012
Comments:
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1381. Name: Irene McCulloch on Jan 14, 2012
Comments: Direct to London is just so convenient and this service must be saved
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1382. Name: Sarah Wigington on Jan 14, 2012
Comments:
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1383. Name: P.Neal on Jan 14, 2012
Comments: If this service is withdrawn I would have to change trains and move cases and as a senior citizen this would be very difficult and would have to think about visiting Scotland and this would reduce the number of people visiting.
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1384. Name: Anonymous on Jan 14, 2012
Comments:
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1385. Name: Mark Pedlar on Jan 15, 2012
Comments:
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1386. Name: Patrice Riemens on Jan 15, 2012
Comments: As a tourist I'd love to go by sleeper to Scotland next summer!
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1387. Name: Liz Edwards on Jan 15, 2012
Comments: Please consider the bigger issues of improving public transport not putting people off travelling by train by making the journey more difficult.
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1388. Name: Ronnie Carlton on Jan 15, 2012
Comments: promote the service, don't scap it.
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1389. Name: Carole Mortimer on Jan 15, 2012
Comments: Support the infra-structure already in place rather than spending billions on new lines between London and Birmingham
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1390. Name: Mrs C M MacKenzie on Jan 16, 2012
Comments: It's unbelievable that the through trains between the Highlands and London could be lost. They are an essential transport link for business and personal users alike in Scotland and the UK as a whole. I use the services regularly for work and leisure; as an older person who struggles with luggage it makes it much easier and more efficient not to have to worry about changing trains at Edinburgh.
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1391. Name: Keir Lumsden on Jan 16, 2012
Comments:
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1392. Name: Dr. Ann M. Brown on Jan 16, 2012
Comments: The sleeper provides an essential link from Dundee (and the Highlands) to London. Essential we do not lose it.
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1393. Name: Karen Doyle on Jan 16, 2012
Comments:
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1394. Name: Rebecca Unverzagt on Jan 16, 2012
Comments:
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1395. Name: Alan Brassey on Jan 16, 2012
Comments: It is bad enough travalling from Loughborough, Leicestershire to Scottish towns, why make it worse?
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1396. Name: David Woodgate on Jan 16, 2012
Comments:
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1397. Name: John Fletcher on Jan 16, 2012
Comments:
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1398. Name: Graeme Soutar on Jan 16, 2012
Comments:
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1399. Name: James Mackenzie on Jan 16, 2012
Comments:
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1400. Name: Anonymous on Jan 16, 2012
Comments: without this service we are completely dependant on the flaky airlines for any decent access
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1401. Name: Dr Alexis Craig on Jan 16, 2012
Comments:
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1402. Name: James Blair on Jan 16, 2012
Comments:
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1403. Name: Nigel Carruth on Jan 17, 2012
Comments: Affordable train services to as many places as possible are absolutely essential in this era of potentially drastic climate change. Rail travel should be encouraged and not discouraged.
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1404. Name: Jacq Wong on Jan 17, 2012
Comments: Please keep the train services.
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1405. Name: Anonymous on Jan 17, 2012

Comments:

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1406. Name: Granville B Cooper on Jan 17, 2012
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1407. Name: Phil Holland on Jan 17, 2012
Comments:
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1408. Name: Anne Holland on Jan 17, 2012
Comments:
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1409. Name: Anonymous on Jan 17, 2012
Comments:
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1410. Name: Marc Brand on Jan 17, 2012
Comments: This service is vitally important to the economy and offers great alternative when flights or standard rail isn't an option.
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1411. Name: James Bramble on Jan 18, 2012
Comments: Please keep this vital service going. The future of this country's transport infrastructure is rail, if only we maintain the investment necessary to provide a world-class service. This will pay dividends, in multiples of the initial investment, to future generations.
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1412. Name: Steve Wykes on Jan 18, 2012
Comments: Anyone who has ever travelled a long distance on the Scotrail DMU's will mourn the loss of proper long distance trains with their greater speed and comfort. Never mind the inconvenience of changing trains and lugging luggage around. What are Transport Scotland thinking! Unless of course they want to discourage rail use.
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1413. Name: Benjamin Williams on Jan 18, 2012
Comments: This service is just outstanding and is run to pure perfection. The Trains are amazing and it is so pelasant to be able to travel through the night while sleeping on the move. Love the Scot Rail Sleeper
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1414. Name: Christina Kiernan on Jan 18, 2012
Comments:
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1415. Name: Philippa Kiernan on Jan 18, 2012
Comments:
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1416. Name: Graham Carr on Jan 19, 2012
Comments: Services need to be expanded, not put under threat.
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1417. Name: Shelley Burke on Jan 19, 2012
Comments: WE NEED OUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT! PLEASE keep the direct trains!
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1418. Name: Allison Thiel on Jan 19, 2012
Comments:
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1419. Name: Theresa Booth on Jan 19, 2012
Comments:
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1420. Name: Anthony Barthorpe on Jan 19, 2012
Comments: All the major countries in Europe are working on improving rail links between their cities and communications between other EC countries. The exception is Britain where every effort is being made by politicians to destroy the transport infrastructure that we have at the moment. No wonder an outspoken Cardinal from the Vatican described the UK as a "third World" country. Dismantle the transport system and that is what we will be left with, a "third world" system.
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1421. Name: KIRSA MORGANTI on Jan 19, 2012
Comments:

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1422. Name: Gini Rowe on Jan 19, 2012
Comments:
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1423. Name: Paddy Maher on Jan 19, 2012
Comments: The direct train services from Inverness to London are vital to the continuing development of the Highlands: they must be saved.
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1424. Name: Peter Brock on Jan 19, 2012
Comments: We already have less London-Inverness trains than we had 25 years ago. Certainly 2 day trains, 'The Clansman' and 'The Chieftain' along with at least two night sleepers. That has already been cut in half any further erosion of direct London rail links must be opposed and resisted at all costs. After all we are all being told to leave the car at home. Let's see if Salmond and his pals would fancy cycling at the A9 for the SNP conference at Eden Court every year!
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1425. Name: EDWARD HAY on Jan 19, 2012
Comments: we must keep these transport links for all of scotland not just the capital.
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1426. Name: Gerry Smith on Jan 19, 2012
Comments: Ridiculous. My son and I have used both services, year in year out, and the trains are always packed. Leave well alone.
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1427. Name: Graham Houghton on Jan 19, 2012
Comments: A service worth maintaining
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1428. Name: Mark Francis on Jan 19, 2012
Comments:
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1429. Name: Hazel Pennington on Jan 19, 2012
Comments:
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1430. Name: Pierre Pillout on Jan 19, 2012
Comments: Beeching lives ?
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1431. Name: Anne Bishop on Jan 19, 2012
Comments: Vital link to get to family in Aviemore from Crewe
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1432. Name: Daniel Mauchan on Jan 20, 2012
Comments:
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1433. Name: Dave Prince on Jan 20, 2012
Comments: Silly idea. Don't do it.
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1434. Name: Susana Stevens on Jan 20, 2012
Comments: Essential direct link for business & travel without which the Highlands will loose much tourism & will be seen as a backwater too difficult to access.
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1435. Name: Cathie Brock on Jan 20, 2012
Comments: Such a civilised way to travel...
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1436. Name: Mrs V Stevens on Jan 20, 2012
Comments: Changing trains and the additional travel time involved between Inverness and London is not an option especially if you have young children or are elderly I am a frequent traveller on the overnight sleeper as are my Mother, who is 85, and my Daughter and her family. This train is used by Business people working between the 2 Cities which in turn can only be to the good of Inverness..
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1437. Name: Sue Masters on Jan 20, 2012
Comments:
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1438. Name: Francis Davey on Jan 20, 2012
Comments: I don't believe the sleeper is sufficiently well promoted. If it were, take-up might be higher, permitting more income to be generated.
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1439. Name: Tom Lancaster on Jan 20, 2012
Comments: When we should be making use of trains to reduce our increasing reliance on domestic flights, it seems madness to be making it harder for people to travel long distances by rail.
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1440. Name: Ken Hammond on Jan 20, 2012
Comments: A daytime through train service is essential for Inverness
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1441. Name: Moira MacLennan on Jan 20, 2012
Comments: it took long enough to get a direct daytime train to london-we must fight to save it!
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1442. Name: Maureen Hanson on Jan 20, 2012
Comments: Please protect the direct rail link Inverness / London - do not cut off the North of Scotland from the rest of Britain. We do not deserve it.
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1443. Name: Mr A A Hamilton on Jan 20, 2012
Comments:
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1444. Name: Graham Proud on Jan 20, 2012
Comments: I have enjoyed these trips in the past they are a valuable service.
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1445. Name: Amanda Thesiger on Jan 20, 2012
Comments: Trains are (usually) civilised and very efficient at getting people around. They are often quicker than flying and give you a chance to relax. Don't do anything to make it harder for people to travel between Scotland and England.
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1446. Name: Andy Jury on Jan 20, 2012
Comments: With a constantly growing population in the highlands and a greater demand for public transport I fail to see any reason for these changes. Should the train from Inverness arrive late in Edinburgh the connection will be lost resulting in possibly hours waiting for next connection. Has anybody thought what this would mean for the less able and disabled, not to mention the inconvenience to business travellers.
What we need in the Highlands is IMPROVED public transport, not cuts.
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1447. Name: Thomas Baxter on Jan 21, 2012
Comments: Direct services are vital not only for the economic health of Scotland but also for social and environmental reasons. The UK transport system must not be just for the convenience between capital and large cities if the country is to be a socially and economically viable united country. t
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1448. Name: CJ Cooper on Jan 21, 2012
Comments: It is important to maintain this link because it opens the Highlands to direct tourism from south of the border. I use the train on a regular basis and having to change at Edinburgh with luggage and the worry of missing a connection would make things very difficult. The elderly, disabled and people with children would be particularly inconvenienced,
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1449. Name: I H Donnelly on Jan 21, 2012
Comments:
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1450. Name: Christine Hart on Jan 21, 2012
Comments: These services should be kept.
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1451. Name: Finlay Kerr on Jan 21, 2012
Comments: Direct train links to London are essential for tourism and commerce in the Highlands.
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1452. Name: Heather Macleod on Jan 21, 2012
Comments: Our family regularly use the Inverness- London service, both day and overnight, as we have children studying near London. It is a wonderful service for those who do not want to fly, for whatever reason, and it would be a tragedy to lose it.
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1453. Name: Anthony Boyland on Jan 21, 2012
Comments: The only way to travel comfortably between Inverness and England.
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1454. Name: Norman Campbell on Jan 21, 2012
Comments: I wish to lend my support to the campaign to retain a direct daytime train service between Inverness and London.
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1455. Name: Dave Brett on Jan 21, 2012
Comments:
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1456. Name: Sandra Campbell on Jan 21, 2012
Comments: Having just returned to Inverness direct from London I would have found it terribly inconvenient not to mention time consuming if I had to change at Edinburgh. I totally support the campaign.
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1457. Name: Penny Stevenson on Jan 21, 2012
Comments: A vital link to the South which must be maintained for our economic success in the future.
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1458. Name: Andrea Varano on Jan 21, 2012
Comments:
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1459. Name: Eleanor Parrott on Jan 21, 2012
Comments:
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1460. Name: Dave Jury on Jan 21, 2012
Comments:
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1461. Name: Anthony Jones on Jan 21, 2012
Comments:
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1462. Name: Lorna Perry on Jan 21, 2012
Comments:
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1463. Name: Raji on Jan 21, 2012
Comments: It is ridiculous even to imagine that at this time when the whole world including developing nations like India & China are looking at developing railway networks to improve transportation without increasing carbon footprint how can UK think at this kind of proposal.
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1464. Name: Norman M.MacFarlane on Jan 21, 2012
Comments: Our economy is suffering as is is. We surely don't any more cutbacks.
Having recently returned from London, the train service really surprised me, it was first class and the rolling stock was so much better.
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1466. Name: Moteh Parrott on Jan 22, 2012
Comments:
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1467. Name: David McLoughlin on Jan 22, 2012
Comments:
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1468. Name: Hannah Shipman on Jan 22, 2012
Comments: A decent train service is like a basic human right, in my opinion. Don't make people change trains and they might use them more. Please reconsider.
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1469. Name: Anonymous on Jan 22, 2012

Comments:

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1470. Name: Tansy Hutcheson-Lovett on Jan 22, 2012
Comments:
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1471. Name: Anonymous on Jan 22, 2012
Comments: This is a time-saving means of travel for business people and tourists.
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1472. Name: Ruth Forsyth on Jan 22, 2012
Comments: I have been using this service regularly since 1975 to visit my immediate family several times a year. As i have two dogs now so there is no alternative. Apart from being a necessity it is a stunning journey especially along the East Coast of Scotland. The trains are always well used and at some times absolutely packed. Over the years the trains have improved and the journey lessened tremendously. I look forward to my journey home so much. Please do not cut me off from my family and friends!!
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1473. Name: Jack Shipton on Jan 22, 2012
Comments:
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1474. Name: JEAN CHANDLER on Jan 22, 2012
Comments: These links are absolutely essential!
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1475. Name: Anonymous on Jan 22, 2012
Comments:
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1476. Name: Steve Antoniewicz on Jan 23, 2012
Comments: I use the sleeper regularly to travel to London from Perth. The withdrawal of the service from Perth would be a disaster for me personally and for the town.
- Unlike air travel, Rail provides the connectivity that smaller towns and cities need, which is absolutely vital in todays networked economy. Without this kind of service I would have to consider moving my family to a more convenient location for travel and transport.
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1477. Name: Anonymous on Jan 23, 2012
Comments:
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1478. Name: Linda Stuart on Jan 23, 2012
Comments: East coast direct line is much better than scotrail service. Could be problems with connections if Edinburgh hub as trains don't wait for late services. No point buying first class on scotrail - it's very poor value.
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1479. Name: Mike Emms on Jan 23, 2012
Comments: It is vital for the Highlands to have a direct passenger train link with England. Fast and efficient rail links are essential for businesses based in the Highlands and as a way af attracting further businesses and employment to this area.
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1480. Name: Anonymous on Jan 23, 2012
Comments: I would stop visiting the Highlands if this service is discontinued
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1481. Name: Alice Corser on Jan 23, 2012
Comments:
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1482. Name: SOMERLED MACDONALD on Jan 23, 2012
Comments: i think the best option is upgrade the sleeper and put an extra train on to london
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1483. Name: Michael Millar on Jan 23, 2012
Comments: The government should be adding more services not reducing the rail services
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1484. Name: Aisling Baskill on Jan 23, 2012
Comments: Trains are a very important part of our life. Here in Scotland it gives us a viable travel option.
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1485. Name: Dr Martin White on Jan 23, 2012
Comments: I wouldn't consider driving to the Highlands, the sleeper train is invaluable ... for tourism
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1486. Name: Mr B D Cadenhead on Jan 23, 2012
Comments: I plan to cycle from John of Groats to Lands End. This sleeper would be my preferred way of travelling to Scotland.
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1487. Name: Anonymous on Jan 23, 2012
Comments:
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1488. Name: Paul Fegan on Jan 23, 2012
Comments:
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1489. Name: Chris Holmes on Jan 24, 2012
Comments:
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1490. Name: Paul Barrett on Jan 24, 2012
Comments: I may not have been born in Scotland I am English as they come but I use trains a lot they are the best form of transport and my favourite and I am dead against this perfectly stupid plan to axe a truly great train. I have always hated Anti Rail politicians and critics they are as far as I see stupid ignorant and destructive. I do not condone violent protests but I can as an observant man understand why such behavior occurs. Do'nt be foolish and risk upset to those who will suffer as a result of voilent reaction.
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1491. Name: Stanley Grant on Jan 24, 2012
Comments: Good communication links are essential for the highlands.
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1492. Name: Peter Mueller on Jan 24, 2012
Comments: Train travel is a vital part of an environmentally safer future. Convenience is important for travellers, therefore through-connections can prevent them from using other means of transport
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1493. Name: Robert Norcross on Jan 24, 2012
Comments:
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1494. Name: Anonymous on Jan 24, 2012
Comments:
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1495. Name: Mary Garvey on Jan 24, 2012
Comments:
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1496. Name: Bruce McRoberts on Jan 24, 2012
Comments: Waverley has enough passenger traffic without the extra footfall the need to change trains would create. We could always rebuild Waverley i suppose!
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1497. Name: Colin Langdon on Jan 24, 2012
Comments: I use these services several times a year in preference to flying
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1498. Name: John Eckersley on Jan 24, 2012
Comments: I like to visit my cousin in Plockton (near Kyle of Lochalsh). The loss of the through sleeper from London to Inverness would be a disaster.
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1499. Name: Glyn McAllister on Jan 24, 2012
Comments: The importance of a full integrated rail service across the UK cannot be under-estimated
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1500. Name: Gareth Morgan on Jan 25, 2012
Comments:
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1501. Name: Laura Sobolewska on Jan 25, 2012
Comments:
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1502. Name: Andrew Smith on Jan 25, 2012
Comments:
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1503. Name: Susan Hamilton on Jan 25, 2012
Comments:
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1504. Name: Adam Sobolewski on Jan 25, 2012
Comments:
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1505. Name: Anonymous on Jan 25, 2012
Comments: Has the Scottish government forgotten it was elected to serve all of Scotland, not merely the Central Belt? Forcing travellers to change trains in Edinburgh might deter tourists from bothering to go north. Combine that with the proposed industrialization of the Highlands with giant pylons, and it would appear the tourist industry in the Highlands is doomed. For locals living in the north, travel by train, though exorbitant, is the sensible way to go to England. If the SNP are considering building a link to the proposed highspeed line in England, that distant proposal should not over-ride what is at present a vital necessity for the aged and for those with luggage.
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1506. Name: Anonymous on Jan 25, 2012
Comments: living in Pitlochry, Perthshire - one of the marvellous things is the communication between here and London. I would be so disappointed if the proposal to cut direct rail links with London was implimented.
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1507. Name: Julie Weigelt Milanowski on Jan 25, 2012
Comments:
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1508. Name: Bill Hercus on Jan 25, 2012
Comments: Not only do we loose the direct Heathrow air service from Inverness, now this. Hardly progress, is it?
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1509. Name: Deborah McManamon on Jan 25, 2012
Comments:
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1510. Name: Alan Beswick on Jan 25, 2012
Comments:
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1511. Name: Richard Dawe on Jan 25, 2012
Comments: edinburgh station is a confusion station to make changes
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1512. Name: Richard Dawe on Jan 25, 2012
Comments: Edinburgh station is a confusing station to make changes
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1513. Name: Tom Royle on Jan 26, 2012
Comments: As well as adversely affecting regular commuters, such a reduction in service would also be detrimental to tourism, at a time when overseas visitors should be encouraged to enjoy rail experience.
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1514. Name: Anonymous on Jan 26, 2012
Comments:
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1515. Name: Sarah Klein on Jan 26, 2012
Comments:
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1516. Name: Michael Dearman on Jan 26, 2012
Comments: Direct train services are crucial to the running of our business and and kind of feasible sustainable transport policy in future
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1517. Name: John Bruce on Jan 26, 2012
Comments: Essential to keep day and night trains.
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1518. Name: Gary Johnston on Jan 26, 2012
Comments:
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1519. Name: Tasha Reid on Jan 26, 2012
Comments:
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1520. Name: Joseph Merthagahad on Jan 26, 2012
Comments: please remove the sign on the M80 thats say think train or bus, there are no train in Scotland only London again has trains
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1521. Name: Graham Hare on Jan 27, 2012
Comments: The Highland Chieftan is a vital daily link from the English Capital to the Highland Capital and provides better fares than the sleeper. This service should most definatly continue.
- I believe the there could be a cut in the number of London to Aberdeen services - although believe that there should still be at least one through day service.
- The caledonian sleeper appeals to various markets whilst the majority of business men and women may shun this service in favour of a very early morning flight it still attracts the tourists and other travellers alike who may have connections with an early morning eurostar from St Pancras Intl. Likewise useful for Tourists visiting Scotland or England
- Scotrail have managed to keep the old stock in fairly good order through various faclifts and combining the highland / grampian sleepers into the highland sleeper and the glasgow / edinburgh into the lowland sleeper has sure cut some costs from the early days.
- 1 Day service London k.x to Inverness & v.v
1 Day Service London k.x to Aberdeen & v.v
1 sleeper service Aberdeen/Inverness/Fort William - London Euston & v.v
1 sleeper service Glasgow/Edinburgh - London Euston
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1522. Name: Marion Armstrong on Jan 27, 2012
Comments: One of the great rail journeys in the UK. Look at how India is united through rail - dont cut off places by cutting off their rail services. Make more effort to market it - we've done this on the Settle-Carlisle line, we can prove it works.
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1523. Name: Bruce Bevans on Jan 27, 2012
Comments: For nearly 3 decades I and my family have used the Highland Chieftain to travel from Inverness to Edinburgh, Leeds and London.
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1524. Name: Lady Johnston on Jan 27, 2012
Comments: This would be the beginning of the end for Highland transport direct links !! What other cuts are being considered ?
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1525. Name: Margaret Bevans on Jan 27, 2012
Comments:
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1526. Name: Peter Mangles on Jan 27, 2012
Comments: This would mena many more people choosing to fly.
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1527. Name: Oriole Hall on Jan 27, 2012
Comments:
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1528. Name: Malcolm Campbell on Jan 27, 2012
Comments:
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1529. Name: James A Campbell on Jan 27, 2012
Comments:
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1530. Name: Bettina Jespersen on Jan 27, 2012
Comments: please don't stop this service - it is a step in the wrong direction! Withdraw investment from airports or roads..... peak oil is coming and Scotland will be severely cut off without a reliable train service.

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1531. Name: Adele Napier on Jan 27, 2012
Comments: I use and really appreciate the possibility to travel from Inverness to London direct by train. Please please do not make it even easier or more appealing to travel by air (which will be the case if there are no longer direct services North!).
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1532. Name: Anonymous on Jan 27, 2012
Comments:
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1533. Name: Russell Brown on Jan 27, 2012
Comments: It is essential that this service remains in place. It's a great way to start a holiday or visit the family.
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1534. Name: Sverre Koxvold on Jan 27, 2012
Comments: Please, let us travel and meet each other!
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1535. Name: Antonio Palmieri on Jan 27, 2012
Comments: Let's help public transport help us, and the environment. Direct train to England is a must!
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1536. Name: Shane Gibson on Jan 28, 2012
Comments:
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1537. Name: Eveline on Jan 28, 2012
Comments:
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1538. Name: Geoff Dalglish on Jan 28, 2012
Comments:
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1539. Name: India Brown on Jan 28, 2012
Comments:
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1540. Name: Penelope Johnston on Jan 28, 2012
Comments:
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1541. Name: J Graham Granville on Jan 28, 2012
Comments: Please keep this train on track for the sake of convenience and a public facility
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1542. Name: Ian Cook on Jan 28, 2012
Comments:
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1543. Name: Stan Stanfield on Jan 28, 2012
Comments: It's also important, for the environment, to cut down on air traffic. Trains make more sense.
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1544. Name: J A Buttner on Jan 28, 2012
Comments:
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1545. Name: Annika Lohstroh on Jan 28, 2012
Comments: We should reduce air travel as much as possible in order to protect the environment as well as the energy supply for ourselves and coming generations - for people to choose trains over planes, reasonable connections need to be protected and increased, rather than cut.
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1546. Name: Irmgard Stadler on Jan 28, 2012
Comments:
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1547. Name: Jyan Bean on Jan 28, 2012
Comments:
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1548. Name: Alison Grant on Jan 28, 2012
Comments:
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1549. Name: KAMAL on Jan 28, 2012
Comments:
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1550. Name: Sandra Bardwell on Jan 28, 2012
Comments: It's imperative that travellers wishing to minimise their carbon footprints have the option of uncomplicated rail travel to anywhere in Britain from Inverness. Keep the Highland Chieftain !
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1551. Name: Hal Skinner on Jan 28, 2012
Comments: Keep Inverness within easy reach of green-minded rail travellers from the south - a vital service in these days of climate change.
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1552. Name: Mr John Willoner on Jan 28, 2012
Comments: I do not wish to see any cuts in the direct rail links from Inverness to London.
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1553. Name: Laura Jenks on Jan 28, 2012
Comments: UK govt should invest long term in improving existing rail services (rather than HS2) and secondly its important for rural areas, like the Highland economy to keep links with other UK cities.
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1554. Name: Ruth Robertson on Jan 29, 2012
Comments:
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1555. Name: Gordon Craig on Jan 29, 2012
Comments:
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1556. Name: Cressida Canavan on Jan 29, 2012
Comments: this is a national institution please dont abolish this fantastic service
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1557. Name: Anonymous on Jan 29, 2012
Comments: Having a parent who regularly travels north to visit us, the provision of a direct train makes all the difference to her as she is getting older. This service is essential to us and many like us.
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1558. Name: Eva Ward on Jan 29, 2012
Comments: I use train services from Forres/Inverness/Aberdeen and would like to see more trains, not fewer. This link is essential otherwise people will be forced to fly, which is much harder for older people and people with young children.
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1559. Name: Anonymous on Jan 29, 2012
Comments:
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1560. Name: Mark Fielding on Jan 29, 2012
Comments: I wish to see direct trains continue to be provided between London and the Scottish Highlands.
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1561. Name: JAMES ARMSTRONG on Jan 29, 2012
Comments:
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1562. Name: Audrey Reddington on Jan 29, 2012
Comments: These trains are not only essential to UK residents but a hugely appealing attraction to overseas tourists. PLEASE keep them!
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1563. Name: Marie-Jose Hompus on Jan 29, 2012
Comments:
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1564. Name: Friederike Hansmann on Jan 30, 2012
Comments:
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1565. Name: Owen Roberts on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: I use and NEED this service
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1566. Name: Judith Bone on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: I use this service to Newcastle and London often and prefer it to flying. Please keep a good service and encourage us to use rail rather than air travel
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1567. Name: Shirley Barr on Jan 30, 2012
Comments:
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1568. Name: Elizabeth Samild on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: A short sighted move. Good transport links are vital for business and tourism.
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1569. Name: DAVID FULFORD on Jan 30, 2012
Comments:
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1570. Name: Dominique Remi on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: It is really time to think of encouraging people to travel by train instead of by car or plane!
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1571. Name: Ineke Vollebregt on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: please!!
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1572. Name: Mari Hollander on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: our staff and many visitors benefit from a direct link.. we aim to travel by train and prefer it to flying but it must remain effective transport - thanks for considering other options.
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1573. Name: Lt Col Alaistair Cumming on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: Diminishing or cancelling a direct train link between Inverness and London only serves to increase the sense of insularity of Scotland. I have lived abroad a good deal in my service and nowhere does one find a lack of a through service or the need to change trains; this country is just way behind in its approach to train travel and any decrease in service will really relegate us to Third World status.
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1574. Name: Tim Ridley on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: For the sake of the environment and having a slow and amazing journey to the beautiful place that Scotland is, we need the sleeper service.
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1575. Name: Janet N Fraser on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: For an equitable distribution of transport services throughout the UK, it is essential that both Highland Chieftain and Highland Sleeper on the East Coast rail service are retained between Inverness and London. The Highlands, which so many people love as a holiday destination, have long been the Cinderella of the transport scene, with dirty, aging rolling stock and poor connections. If Inverness as a city is to flourish and develop, we must have excellent links with London and the rest of Britain.
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1576. Name: Alison Smith on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: It is really important to maintain direct links. The issues in changing trains and connection times are major.
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1577. Name: Anonymous on Jan 30, 2012
Comments:
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1578. Name: Anonymous on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: Can someone provide a good reason for forcing passengers to change trains in Edinburgh?
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1579. Name: Mark Bardner on Jan 30, 2012
Comments:
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1580. Name: Henry Thomas on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: Just because something isn't profitable, does not mean that it is not necessary.
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1581. Name: Davide Tiana on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: Please ensure UK mobility
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1582. Name: James McGregor on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: Let the train take the strain
An essential service
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1583. Name: Ben Wheeler on Jan 30, 2012
Comments:
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1584. Name: Margaret Devine on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: I live in Caithness and the train to Inverness takes four hours before I can join the sleeper to London.
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1585. Name: Ross Bell on Jan 30, 2012
Comments:
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1586. Name: Hugo Klip on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: Direct rail connections from Scotland to London should be kept in place, especially for the elderly and the physically impaired.
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1587. Name: ALAN SLOMAN on Jan 30, 2012
Comments:
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1588. Name: Chris Cousins on Jan 30, 2012
Comments:
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1589. Name: John K Rice on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: Greener travel
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1590. Name: Keith Brown on Jan 30, 2012
Comments: Inverness and the Highlands need this direct service not only to London but also Northern England. I frequently travel to Newcastle and usually use the Chieftain. People of the Highlands do not deserve the inconvenience of having to change at Edinburgh. My elderly mother, who visits us in Inverness, always travels on the Chieftain as she would be unable to change at Edinburgh.
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1591. Name: Anonymous on Jan 31, 2012
Comments: save save save!!!!
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1592. Name: Anonymous on Jan 31, 2012
Comments:
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1593. Name: Chris Brown on Jan 31, 2012
Comments:
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1594. Name: Anonymous on Jan 31, 2012
Comments:
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1595. Name: Hanna Morjan on Jan 31, 2012
Comments: With global warming a reality I think it is really important to make public transport more accessible and attractive to use instead of more difficult and awkward.
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1596. Name: DAVID P ROWSE on Jan 31, 2012
Comments: this train has got to stay the countryside is beautiful and beneficial to everyone i know people who go to work there and come home and go back every month all the the reason for keeping the sleeper .
i live in Cornwall and we have problems fighting for that trouble once it goes it will never come back
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1597. Name: Jo Hart on Jan 31, 2012

Comments: I use this line to scotland at least 3 times a year and would find it very difficult to visit my son.

1598. Name: R. D. MACLEOD Bsc(ENG), C.ENG, M.I.E.E. on Jan 31, 2012
Comments: Central Belt thinking must NOT be allowed to dominate the rest of Scotland for whatever reason. Cessation of direct cross-border trains to Highland destinations would put the clock back over 100 years.

1599. Name: Evelien Hurst on Jan 31, 2012
Comments: Please don't cut off the Highlands, keep us connected with the sleeper train!

1600. Name: Susan Billington on Jan 31, 2012
Comments: I think it is vital we save rail links- once they are gone it will be hard to get them back.

1601. Name: A J Hill on Jan 31, 2012
Comments: Direct trains encourage train travel. Waverley is vast and does not encourage train travel. No one with bags or children wants to cross Glasgow.

1602. Name: Peter Wilson on Jan 31, 2012
Comments: I want to ride this train before I die. Don't take it away!!

1603. Name: Lindsey Munro on Jan 31, 2012
Comments:

1604. Name: Robert Hall on Jan 31, 2012
Comments:

1605. Name: Anonymous on Jan 31, 2012
Comments: For the green agenda it is vital for a direct train service between Aberdeen (the Oil Capital of Europe) and London.

1606. Name: - M Murray on Jan 31, 2012
Comments: the family silver's always - always - worth hanging on to

1607. Name: Brian Paterson on Feb 01, 2012
Comments:

1608. Name: Shelagh Daft on Feb 01, 2012
Comments: Overnight especially is an essential service

1609. Name: Nick Fogell on Feb 01, 2012
Comments: We should be making it more attractive to travel by train to beautiful places such as the north of scotland, not less.

1610. Name: A R B Fenton on Feb 01, 2012
Comments: It is important that this service continues.

1611. Name: Andrew Robertson on Feb 01, 2012
Comments:

1612. Name: Gabriele Hauschild on Feb 01, 2012
Comments:

1613. Name: Jennifer MacNeill on Feb 01, 2012
Comments:

1614. Name: Rita Fenton on Feb 02, 2012
Comments: I have used this service on many occassions...both pleasure and work. This would be a great loss to tourists and locals.

1615. Name: Ian Allan on Feb 02, 2012
Comments:
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1616. Name: Alan Daw on Feb 02, 2012
Comments: We need to keep the valuable direct links and promote more rail use.
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1617. Name: Davina Jones on Feb 02, 2012
Comments: to axe direct trains to the north of Scotland would be a backwards step when we are trying to get people off the roads and be more environmentally friendly.
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1618. Name: Mark Glover on Feb 02, 2012
Comments: If the rail service was not direct, I would be less likely to use it, and more tempted to take less environmentally sustainable alternatives.
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1619. Name: Katherine Young on Feb 02, 2012
Comments: This is a very necessary service to the public.
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1620. Name: Anonymous on Feb 02, 2012
Comments: Please keep the train from inverness-london!
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1621. Name: Pauline Moore on Feb 02, 2012
Comments: Cancelling Trains is a national shame. It's a wonderful alternative to driving and it's safer and more environmental. Don't kill any train service, instead boost ridership and encourage trains !
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1622. Name: Jean Macleod on Feb 02, 2012
Comments:
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1623. Name: Euan Gray on Feb 02, 2012
Comments: Why stop an essential service and cut off important direct transport links to the Highland?!?
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1624. Name: Paula And Peter Rose on Feb 03, 2012
Comments: We are from australia where distances are huge. Direct Train travel is the most efficient and safe way of allowing people to move from place to another. We intend on travelling from London to Inverness and thought the Caledonian sleeper was an ideal way of travelling - can't think of a more environmentally friendly and relaxed way of seeing the UK than by train!
Paula Rose
Hawthorn Victoria Australia.
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1625. Name: Elie De Rosen on Feb 03, 2012
Comments: The routes north of Edinburgh must be saved-they account for a majority of the Caledonian Sleeper's revenues.
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1626. Name: Susan Hunnybun on Feb 03, 2012
Comments:
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1627. Name: Peter Caton on Feb 03, 2012
Comments:
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1628. Name: Steven Duncan on Feb 03, 2012
Comments:
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1629. Name: William Lees on Feb 03, 2012
Comments: Having travelled by sleeper from London to Aviemore and back a couple of years ago to my Godson's wedding on two consecutive nights. It would not have been possible without the overnight sleeper in the time scale at my disposal, so long may it continue.
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1630. Name: Joseph Irving on Feb 03, 2012
Comments: This Country is being ripped apart by never ending cuts plenty of money for the olympics I see
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1631. Name: Anonymous on Feb 03, 2012
Comments: They are trying to make second-class citizens of those living north of the central belt. It would have serious implications for the Highland economy and sends a very discouraging message to prospective investors.
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1632. Name: Anthony McGregor on Feb 03, 2012
Comments:
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1633. Name: Heather-Ann Campbell on Feb 03, 2012
Comments: I have used both the Chieftain and overnight sleeper train to and from Inverness to London many myriad times over the past 50 years. Many family members and friends do so now. The services are both a vital non-stop link for business, trade, friends and tourists between London and the Highlands. These services contribute enormously to the Scottish economy. I and others would certainly not enjoy stopping and wasting time en route in Edinburgh with luggage. More to the point would be to speed up the train time on this vital route. Heather-Ann Campbell
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1635. Name: Robert Tate on Feb 03, 2012
Comments: Withdrawal of the through service would be a disaster for long distance travellers with families and or baggage.
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1636. Name: Sally Verrall on Feb 03, 2012
Comments: We gotta go on holiday!
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1637. Name: Jonathan Vincent on Feb 04, 2012
Comments: The trains north from Edinburgh and Glasgow, into the Highlands, are an important link for many people interested in sports, wildlife and the leisure industry - the trains, including the sleeper, must stay. Investment should be made in marketing these services to customers in the south and in England.
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1638. Name: Merryn Appleby on Feb 04, 2012
Comments: We have used both the day and sleeper services several times for both work and holidays and would be devastated by their loss.
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1639. Name: Margo Singleton on Feb 04, 2012
Comments: Save our direct trains. It is crazy to stop this service.
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1640. Name: Lucy Arora on Feb 04, 2012
Comments: If we are serious about meeting our environmental commitments, we need these trains.
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1641. Name: Derek Darnell on Feb 04, 2012
Comments: A direct link between the key stations north of Edinburgh and London are crucial to business and the Scottish economy, it should not be removed.
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1642. Name: Margaret Jarvis on Feb 04, 2012
Comments: I wish to protest against their proposal to stop through trains north of Edinburgh. As a frequent user of the direct Leuchars - Kings Cross line, I know how valuable this service is.
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1643. Name: Harry Barclay on Feb 04, 2012
Comments: Save the through trains to link London with the highlands
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1645. Name: Lorna Scott on Feb 04, 2012
Comments:
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1646. Name: Stephen Sparey on Feb 04, 2012
Comments:
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1647. Name: Les Golder on Feb 04, 2012
Comments: Keep the Caledonian Sleeper without changes from Inverness to London please.
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1648. Name: George And Heather Paul on Feb 04, 2012
Comments: Having to change trains at Edinburgh will discourage use, adding time and inconvenience to the journey.
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1649. Name: Stuart Kennedy on Feb 04, 2012
Comments:
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1650. Name: Alistair Appleby on Feb 05, 2012
Comments:
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1651. Name: Anonymous on Feb 05, 2012
Comments:
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1652. Name: ERIC BLOW on Feb 05, 2012
Comments: Please commit to maintaining the direct train services between London and Inverness . Public transport needs support and investment for the benefit of passengers,business and the environment
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1653. Name: Anonymous on Feb 05, 2012
Comments:
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1654. Name: Yoshi Uchida on Feb 05, 2012
Comments:
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1655. Name: Benny Vinghammar on Feb 05, 2012
Comments:
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1656. Name: James Stearn on Feb 05, 2012
Comments:
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1657. Name: Richard Truscott on Feb 05, 2012
Comments:
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1658. Name: Charles Black on Feb 05, 2012
Comments: I know of so many people from London using this to climb mountains over just a long weekend.
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1659. Name: Duncan Easter on Feb 05, 2012
Comments: Direct services to London from Inverness and Aberdeen have been crucial to me and my family. Some journeys connecting to European destinations (eg Mannheim and Luxembourg) via Eurostar would become impossible by train.
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1660. Name: Edward Link on Feb 06, 2012
Comments: What's the difference between governed from Westminster or Edinburgh?

No really what is the difference, I don't know.
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1661. Name: Douglas C Scott on Feb 06, 2012
Comments: Fast, efficient train services are the right of all UK citizens. A continuous, unbroken link from the south of England to the north of Scotland is a fundamental necessity in a modern, competitive, european country if tourism and business are to be maintained and developed. Anything less is a step backwards in time.
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1662. Name: Patricia Rogers on Feb 06, 2012
Comments: The aim of the Scottish government should be to maximise the potential of all areas within Scotland. Public transport is even more vital for those living in remoter parts. Furthermore having to change at Edinburgh is an added difficulty for older

passengers and passengers with children.

1663. Name: Graham Clark on Feb 06, 2012
Comments: Take the rail network back into public hands. Privatisation focusses only on costs and profits - it is time to redress the balance and re-introduce the notion of a nationwide rail 'service'.
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1664. Name: Chrisanthe Georgiou on Feb 06, 2012
Comments: Crucially important to maintain this service. If we are going to take seriously lowering our carbon footprint then this is an essential service to maintain. It encourages me to travel to London by train and not plane.
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1665. Name: Dr Andrew Rivett on Feb 06, 2012
Comments: For environmental reasons I do not fly when I need to travel south. The train from Inverness to London is a vital link.
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1666. Name: Joan Wilmot on Feb 06, 2012
Comments: I work in London and live and work near Inverness Scotland and about 10 years ago transferred from flying to travelling by train. Many other people I meet have done the same. I am sure besides the personal affect to myself it will adversely affect the Highland economy and the environment pushing more people onto air travel or the roads.
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1667. Name: Loulla Georgiou on Feb 06, 2012
Comments:
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1668. Name: Melissa Godbeer on Feb 06, 2012
Comments: it is really important that we folk in northern scotland have train access to england especially us folk who have family living in england. cancelling the train line link would push so many more of us to fly... WHICH IS NOT A GOOD MOVE as a nation!!
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1669. Name: Alan Gibbons on Feb 06, 2012
Comments: I use the Inverness service a lot and to remove it would be another example of the rail network providing poorer overall service for more money. This is a vital link in the rail network and it would be a disgrace to remove it!
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1670. Name: Jonathan Young on Feb 06, 2012
Comments:
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1671. Name: Joeley Bishop on Feb 06, 2012
Comments:
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1672. Name: Roger Doudna on Feb 06, 2012
Comments:
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1673. Name: Anonymous on Feb 06, 2012
Comments:
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1674. Name: Anonymous on Feb 06, 2012
Comments:
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1675. Name: Anonymous on Feb 06, 2012
Comments:
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1676. Name: Cynthia Harwood on Feb 06, 2012
Comments: Direct links north and south are necessary for business and also for the elderly, or those travelling with small children.
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1677. Name: Paul Smith on Feb 06, 2012
Comments:
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1678. Name: Anonymous on Feb 06, 2012
Comments:
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1679. Name: Thomas Knowlton on Feb 06, 2012
Comments:
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1680. Name: Melinda on Feb 06, 2012
Comments: It's a tragedy to make train travel so difficult from Scotland to England, I can't believe that it doesn't pay its way, the Inverness to London is often full!
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1681. Name: Ian Rippon on Feb 06, 2012
Comments: these are critical services to demonstrate commitment to the people of Scotland north of the central belt.
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1682. Name: Rebecca Pickering on Feb 06, 2012
Comments:
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1683. Name: Steven Gasgarth on Feb 06, 2012
Comments: When I use the train to go from Inverness to London, I really appreciate the direct service and the larger trains. If there were only indirect services via Edinburgh I would definitely stop using the train for this journey altogether. Keep the direct services... but please clean up the trains, the toilets and stock the food car with enough food for the journey - because these last 3 points need serious attention.
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1684. Name: Dorota Reising Owen on Feb 06, 2012
Comments: save our trains!
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1685. Name: Alison Wong-Huchard on Feb 06, 2012
Comments:
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1686. Name: David Fyffe on Feb 06, 2012
Comments: I regularly use the Sleeper service from Arbroath as a most convenient alternative to flying from Edinburgh or Aberdeen, which requires me to take a car journey,. Invest in improving the service rather than stoping it. Service north of Edinburgh is essential in connecting Scotland to the City of London.
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1687. Name: Anonymous on Feb 07, 2012
Comments: We need more direct rail links between England and Scotland, not fewer; more non-stopping trains between major cities eg. from Birmingham
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1688. Name: James West on Feb 07, 2012
Comments: As a frequent visitor to the highlands from SE England, the sleeper service to Inverness has been an essential and enjoyable way to travel. Put simply - without the sleeper service I would not visit Scotland so often. For my friends and colleagues who live in the Highlands, the cancellation of the sleeper service would cut a vital business travel link with the South, forcing them to reconsider where they live and work.
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1689. Name: Laura Miller on Feb 07, 2012
Comments:
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1690. Name: David Janes on Feb 07, 2012
Comments: I use this service from Aberdeen and to Inverness and really appreciate one less change...
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1691. Name: James Valentine on Feb 07, 2012
Comments: These direct trains with no changes are what allow rail services to compete with slow, uncomfortable airports and polluting jet engines. Domestic travel is better by train.
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1692. Name: Anonymous on Feb 07, 2012
Comments: The sleeper service is fantastic and will be an important part of our future transport options... it should be expnded not contracted
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1693. Name: Wilma June Smith Wilson on Feb 07, 2012
Comments: I am very disabled and apart from being a car passenger 03 an air passenger, find my only way of travelling to London, is by train.
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1694. Name: Martin Clarke on Feb 07, 2012
Comments: We really ought to be focussing on greater integration of our railways, not less.
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1695. Name: Marie Purdy on Feb 07, 2012
Comments: Please ADD to train services, not cut them, so we can use them more instead of airlines. I would love to use sleeper trains far more if they were available. I would also love to go Motorail to Scotland and never understood why this was axed.
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1696. Name: Jack Elliott Saxby on Feb 07, 2012
Comments: let there be trains
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1697. Name: Anonymous on Feb 07, 2012
Comments:
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1698. Name: Anonymous on Feb 07, 2012
Comments:
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1699. Name: Daniel Downes on Feb 07, 2012
Comments:
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1700. Name: Katie Weaver on Feb 07, 2012
Comments: aghast at these proposals which can only further deter rail travel - at a time when it is already cheaper and easier to fly or drive. What is happening??! what hope for our planet?!
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1701. Name: Mr & Mrs Watson on Feb 07, 2012
Comments: A really silly idea to cut this service.
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1702. Name: Christine Rees on Feb 07, 2012
Comments:
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1703. Name: Louise Denson on Feb 08, 2012
Comments: Now is not the time to be reducing public transport options! Keep the trains and make them more efficient and more attractive!
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1704. Name: Roger Muhl on Feb 08, 2012
Comments:
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1705. Name: Nicola Marson on Feb 08, 2012
Comments: This is one of the main ways for us to see parents/grandparents who live in the North of Scotland while we live in the South of England. It would impact us very much
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1706. Name: Anonymous on Feb 08, 2012
Comments: The railway line to the Highlands - like the A9 - is a total third world like disgrace and needs investment long before the faster London - Birmingham rail link.

Scrap the waste-of-money ill-fated trams in Edinburgh (thanks for nothing there Margo Macdonald) and put what cash is left up our way.
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1707. Name: Gillian Paschkes-Bell on Feb 08, 2012
Comments: I believe we need to invest in rail travel. The trend towards road and air has impacted gravely on the environment and appears unsustainable into the longer term with the diminution of fossil fuel supplies.
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1708. Name: Simon Gunn on Feb 08, 2012
Comments:
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1709. Name: Robin Shohet on Feb 08, 2012
Comments: I used to fly from Inverness but wanted to be ecological. I commute a lot and no direct trains would make my life very difficult. I would be grateful if you could tell me why it is even being considered as I know I could not be the only one.
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1710. Name: Anonymous on Feb 08, 2012
Comments:

1711. Name: Olive Thomson. on Feb 08, 2012
Comments: As a pensioner need a direct service to London. Not fit to change trains at Edinburgh.

1712. Name: Jaap Rodenburg on Feb 08, 2012
Comments:

1713. Name: CC Milligan on Feb 08, 2012
Comments: Preserve this service, we need more environmentally friendly travel options not fewer.

1714. Name: Anonymous on Feb 08, 2012
Comments: I cannot believe that transport links with the north of Scotland are being considered, when millions of pounds are being poured into road and rail link projects for England and services to Aberdeen. This will deepen the North/South divide, already in existence in Scotland. More people will continue to take to the roads, if our transport services continue to decline up here. Local bus routes have also been reduced, leaving small villages with few alternatives for transport links. And if you don't have a car, you become a marginalised member of society-actively discriminated against.

1715. Name: Jamie MacDonald on Feb 08, 2012
Comments:

1716. Name: Aulikki Butt on Feb 08, 2012
Comments: These links are very important for the Highlands and must be kept.

1717. Name: Nico Hovell on Feb 08, 2012
Comments:

1718. Name: Michael Paterson on Feb 08, 2012
Comments:

1719. Name: Rupert Symes on Feb 08, 2012
Comments:

1720. Name: Anonymous on Feb 08, 2012
Comments: I'm about to make more business trips to Scotland than in the past, and I want to be able to travel the considerable distances from Sheffield to locations north of Edinburgh without the uncertainties of changing trains

1721. Name: Elmer Postle on Feb 08, 2012
Comments: I greatly value the scotrail sleeper to Inverness, it has been an essential and sane way of travelling north.

1722. Name: James Anthony Style on Feb 08, 2012
Comments:

1723. Name: Leda Meskova on Feb 08, 2012
Comments:

1724. Name: Roger Harrison on Feb 08, 2012
Comments:

1725. Name: Brian George on Feb 08, 2012
Comments: Sleeper services perform a valuable function and serve thousands of people each year.

Both the Highland Cheieftain and the Highland Sleeper should be kept running, and through services North of Inverness should be saved.

With having to change at Edinburgh which is inconvenienty to those who have families and the elderly with luggage.

1726. Name: A. McNeil on Feb 09, 2012
Comments: Hands off our trains !
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1727. Name: Daniel Mann on Feb 09, 2012
Comments:
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1728. Name: John Coffin on Feb 09, 2012
Comments:
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1729. Name: Amy Chisholm on Feb 09, 2012
Comments: People in the Highlands who no longer want to drive long distance depend on this direct service south !
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1730. Name: Julian Begg on Feb 09, 2012
Comments: The Highlands are already sleepy little communities that may threaten to go to sleep altogether, without the added benefit of travellers and tourists stepping off the Caledonian Sleeper trains on their doorsteps. Don't let Transport Scotland get away with further unimaginative service cuts in this regard. Bureaucrats are well known for little imagination when it comes to seeing the bigger picture, and they are the biggest threat to future sleeper services up north.
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1731. Name: Peter Osborn on Feb 09, 2012
Comments: The whole of Scotland needs its links to England, or business will suffer
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1732. Name: Alan Sutton on Feb 09, 2012
Comments: It's the only way to have a holiday in Scotland
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1733. Name: Anonymous on Feb 09, 2012
Comments: All train losses are a disaster. We need to focus on public transport and make it MORE not less accessible
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1734. Name: Debi Anderson on Feb 09, 2012
Comments: We travel to the UK biennially, and one of our very favorite parts of the trip is leaving Euston and arriving in Kingussie. Please save our train!!
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1735. Name: Michael Keates on Feb 09, 2012
Comments:
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1736. Name: Philip Cannavan on Feb 09, 2012
Comments:
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1737. Name: Anonymous on Feb 09, 2012
Comments:
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1738. Name: Lisa Shaw on Feb 09, 2012
Comments: The Scottish government has also set high targets for carbon emissions and so having a reliable train service from Inverness to London is essential to meeting these targets.
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1739. Name: Anoop Shah on Feb 09, 2012
Comments:
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1740. Name: Helen Jackson on Feb 10, 2012
Comments: I'm delighted to hear that the Caledonian Sleeper has been saved. Please also continue direct trains north of Edinburgh.
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1741. Name: Adam Brewster on Feb 10, 2012
Comments:
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1742. Name: L Grant on Feb 10, 2012
Comments: As I don't fly we use the Inverness/London services and then onward to Europe for holidays. Would hate to see the loss of such a service, changing in Edinburgh which we have had to do before now is an absolute pain. As a holiday accommodation provider I have guests who use the sleeper service to arrive in the Highlands. The withdrawal of the service would inevitably affect

tourism.

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1743. Name: Jenna Pickering on Feb 10, 2012
Comments: Please save the direct trains from London to north of Edinburgh!
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1744. Name: June Dingley on Feb 10, 2012
Comments: At a time when we are being constantly bombarded about reducing our carbon footprint and to be as "green" as possible, why is yet another service being downgraded. It is not the train services that need reducing, it is the fares! Why is it OK to spend a fortune on providing a "fast" train between London and Birmingham which is only going to benefit a few people at the expense of those of us who dare to live North of the Border. More and more as bus, train and plane services are being reduced and prices increases, we are being forced to rely on our cars.
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1745. Name: June Dingley on Feb 10, 2012
Comments: At a time when we are being constantly bombarded about reducing our carbon footprint and to be as "green" as possible, why is yet another service being downgraded. It is not the train services that need reducing, it is the fares! Why is it OK to spend a fortune on providing a "fast" train between London and Birmingham which is only going to benefit a few people at the expense of those of us who dare to live North of the Border. More and more as bus, train and plane services are being reduced and prices increases, we are being forced to rely on our cars.
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1746. Name: Paul Douglas P Clark on Feb 10, 2012
Comments: I have also written to my MSP asking that he oppose any proposal to axe through trains from north and north-east Scotland to England.
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1747. Name: Pete Rogers on Feb 10, 2012
Comments:
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1748. Name: Carol Leamy on Feb 10, 2012
Comments: It is essential that the through trains are kept, the whole point of travelling to the north by train is to stay put till arrival.
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1749. Name: Isla MacDonald on Feb 10, 2012
Comments:
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1750. Name: I A Glen on Feb 11, 2012
Comments: It is absolutely essential that direct rail links between Inverness and the Highlands with the rest of Britain are maintained and developed for both business and tourism.
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1751. Name: Sally Macdonald on Feb 11, 2012
Comments:
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1752. Name: Mike Forbes on Feb 11, 2012
Comments:
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1753. Name: Dr. John Oliphant on Feb 11, 2012
Comments:
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1754. Name: Gryffydd Coates on Feb 11, 2012
Comments:
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1755. Name: Anonymous on Feb 11, 2012
Comments: Please don't get rid of the direct trains between Inverness and London. We need to encourage people to take trains and not fly, and I love the Caledonian Sleeper service.
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1756. Name: Alina Ena on Feb 11, 2012
Comments:
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1757. Name: Stephen Watson on Feb 11, 2012
Comments: This would be very regressive for Scotland north of Edinburgh and is shortsighted when train travel must have a place in our future when we start to get serious about Climate Change and cannot continue flying to the degree it does right now. Also, it

could set a worrying precedent for the network north of Edinburgh and in the worst case might reduce large sections of the network which need to join up to be useful and to actually make people want to choose the train.

1758. Name: Yar Sheets on Feb 11, 2012
Comments:

1759. Name: Steven Pinkney on Feb 11, 2012
Comments: An affordable and irreplaceable service into Scotland. Alternative forms of transport come nowhere near.

1760. Name: James Carter on Feb 11, 2012
Comments:

1761. Name: Ritchie Stephen on Feb 11, 2012
Comments: Have used this train since 1960. Please keep, as there is nothing like the morning, as dawn breaks, approaching Inverness, no matter how long you have been away, it's Home and the train an icon.

1762. Name: Anonymous on Feb 11, 2012
Comments:

1763. Name: William Ross Fraser on Feb 11, 2012
Comments: I use the train all the time and it is the quickest route between Inverness and Aberdeen where I work , we should be expanding the rail network , improving it and making it financially more attractive compared to then roads which will always be blocked.

1764. Name: Alexandra MacFarlane on Feb 12, 2012
Comments: I am from Inverness and live in London. I always take the direct train with no changes, it is a fantastic service.I would prefer to fly if they start making you change.

1765. Name: Ken Dixon on Feb 12, 2012
Comments: The least stressful way for my wife and I to travel from Inverness to London. I have advanced Parkinsons and she does not drive.

1766. Name: D Griffith on Feb 12, 2012
Comments:

1767. Name: Brian McBride on Feb 12, 2012
Comments:

1768. Name: JOHN MERLIN KING on Feb 12, 2012
Comments:

1769. Name: Anonymous on Feb 12, 2012
Comments:

1770. Name: John Sutherland on Feb 12, 2012
Comments: These are fragile communities, even ones as important as Inverness. It is worth going an extra mile to support those who happen not to live in Glasgow or Edinburgh.

1771. Name: Frank Jakes on Feb 12, 2012
Comments: Isolating the Highlands can only exacerbate difficult economic times and serve as a disincentive to tourism.

1772. Name: Samuel McMahon on Feb 13, 2012
Comments:

1773. Name: Claire Buske on Feb 13, 2012
Comments:

1774. Name: Frances Travers on Feb 13, 2012
Comments: lets not lose such a fun thing. Life is very hard and thats one of the treats
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1775. Name: Anonymous on Feb 13, 2012
Comments: I live near Dundee and I would not like to have to change trains in Edinburgh everytime I wanted to go to England by train, making the journey even longer than it already is.
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1776. Name: Anne-Mary Paterson on Feb 13, 2012
Comments: My great granduncles, William & Murdoch Paterson were involved in the building of the railway from Perth in order that people in the Highlands could travel to the south and London. I am sure that if they were around in the 21st century they would expect that passengers could travel to London without having to change trains.
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1777. Name: Lynn Ellard on Feb 13, 2012
Comments: These are essential services for the economy of the Highlands as well as the UK.
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1778. Name: David Ellard on Feb 13, 2012
Comments: These services are essential for people who do not have access to other public transport or who cannot drive.
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1779. Name: Anonymous on Feb 13, 2012
Comments:
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1780. Name: Katherine Conlon on Feb 13, 2012
Comments:
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1781. Name: Anne Brumfitt on Feb 13, 2012
Comments:
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1782. Name: Deborah Guthrie on Feb 14, 2012
Comments: Do we want to be more isolated from the (threatened)Uk?No,no,no!! Direct rail is the best(greenest)way to travel! Keep us in touch with the rest of Europe please...and for tourists,friends,families to visit us here!
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1783. Name: Zoe Anderson on Feb 14, 2012
Comments:
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1784. Name: Andrew Bowden on Feb 14, 2012
Comments: The sleepers are a boon for tourists and London residents like me. In other countries, sleepers are expanding. To lose them in Scotland would be a damning indictment on the country's transport priorities
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1785. Name: Dr Ian Mertling-Blake on Feb 14, 2012
Comments: The car train was closed down some years ago , a much valued service for visitors and quite a contribution to reducing CO2 emissions on jouries from the south.
It is astonishing that now the Caledonian Sleeper should even be considered as a service worth closing (though I recall the West Coast sleeper was threatened some years ago).
I live 90 miles from Invernes and take the sleeper south at least twice a year for academic meetings in Oxford. Flying uses an entire day by the time one gets to the airport and from the asirport the other end.
I believe the sleepers whould remain. I would also like to say how splendid are the attendants , Lounge Car staff etc. still the courtesy of old, but hh for the days when one could have a leisurely cooked breakfast in a proper restaurant car returning through the Highlands early in the morning.
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1786. Name: Rachel Aldred on Feb 14, 2012
Comments:
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1787. Name: Graham King on Feb 14, 2012
Comments:
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1788. Name: Christopher Gribbin on Feb 14, 2012
Comments: Don't take away this valuable service.
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1789. Name: Sue Blaney on Feb 14, 2012
Comments: Please keep these direct services! We cannot afford to lose them - making the journey even more protracted by changing in Edinburgh will have an adverse effect on passenger numbers. Changing trains during a journey is inconvenient and connections are not always adhered to if the first train is delayed.
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1790. Name: Rachel Hemingway on Feb 14, 2012
Comments: I am a cyclist and having to change trains with a fully loaded bicycle is a logistical nightmare especially if train and platforms are packed with passengers.
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1791. Name: Tristan Platt on Feb 14, 2012
Comments: Please keep no-change sleeper service Aberdeen-London via Leuchars
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1792. Name: Alison Clark on Feb 14, 2012
Comments: This is an economic lifeline- save the highland economy by maintaining and improving these rail links
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1793. Name: Joanna Baird on Feb 14, 2012
Comments:
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1794. Name: Matt Koltnow on Feb 15, 2012
Comments: You have to be kidding. You want more people on the trains, not fewer. Through services beyond Edinburgh are critical to ridership.
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1795. Name: Andrew Robin Gladstone on Feb 15, 2012
Comments: I live in California but take both the daytime and sleeper services to Fort William and Inverness several times a year. We should be encouraging train use not threatening to reduce service. Save the trains!
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1796. Name: Christine Georgiou on Feb 15, 2012
Comments: Having to change trains will deter me from travelling to Aberdeen, especially as I get older and want to avoid the hassle and possibly a wait for a connection
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1797. Name: Anonymous on Feb 15, 2012
Comments:
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1798. Name: Andrew Benton on Feb 15, 2012
Comments:
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1799. Name: Andrea Needham on Feb 15, 2012
Comments:
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1800. Name: Philip Haines on Feb 15, 2012
Comments: For sheer convenience and to compete with the airlines the through service to Inverness must remain. Thank you.
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1801. Name: Tom Macpherson on Feb 15, 2012
Comments: I use the sleeper to go home from London at the weekends. The loss of the sleeper would stop me doing that. The day train is how I get there for holidays and it will add extra time to the journey having to change in Edinburgh. Don't axe it, I would come home to Scotland less.
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1802. Name: Colin Andrews on Feb 15, 2012
Comments: it would be a shame to lose the tourist attraction. some investment needed for scotrail customer services phone service. Am currently trying to book to travel on the service!!!!
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1803. Name: Cat Adam on Feb 15, 2012
Comments:
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1804. Name: Catherine Russell on Feb 15, 2012
Comments:
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1805. Name: B D Smith on Feb 16, 2012
Comments: I believe it is essential for passenger convenience and maintaining business travel links daytime and particularly sleeper services should be maintained between locations north of Edinburgh and London.
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1806. Name: Lee Spencer on Feb 16, 2012
Comments:
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1807. Name: Lewis Roberts on Feb 16, 2012
Comments:
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1808. Name: Simon Stokes on Feb 16, 2012
Comments:
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1809. Name: Nick Raisen on Feb 16, 2012
Comments: A lifeline for many, especially those unable or unwilling to fly. For tourists, the only way to travel to Scotland. To cut this service is unthinkable
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1810. Name: Carl Richardson on Feb 16, 2012
Comments: saving the sleeper train will help to sustain communication, culture, tourism & economy.
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1811. Name: KIM BEGLEY on Feb 16, 2012
Comments:
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1812. Name: Colin McKenzie on Feb 16, 2012
Comments: Inverness and the Highlands need direct train services to the larger population centres in the south for the benefit of business & tourism as well as personal travel by the region's inhabitants. Removing either of the direct trains to London (daytime train or the sleeper) would be a retrograde and damaging act.
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1813. Name: Sean Devenish on Feb 16, 2012
Comments:
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1814. Name: Charles Brookes on Feb 16, 2012
Comments: It's an utterly daft idea to stop direct services from London to Inverness, whether daytime or overnight. Two further points: I agree priority must be given to doubling the track via Ladybank and from Perth northwards; also much more (Inverness- v Glasgow-based) thought is needed concerning the departure timing south from, and arrival north to, Inverness to allow connections to and from North and West by public transport, thus increasing the direct train use.
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1815. Name: Anonymous on Feb 17, 2012
Comments: Direct trains are a necessity - if I had to change trains at Edinburgh to complete my journey north I'd be more likely to fly. Travel decisions take account of time / cost and convenience. Having to get a connecting train is always going to be a disincentive.
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1816. Name: Julia Armstrong on Feb 17, 2012
Comments:
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1817. Name: Dr. D.A.Barrie And Mrs L.Barrie on Feb 17, 2012
Comments: There should be no change to the present arrangements for trains from south of the border continuing after Edinburgh to Inverness, Aberdeen or Glasgow
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1819. Name: Chris West-samuel on Feb 17, 2012
Comments:
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1820. Name: Sheila Fletcher on Feb 17, 2012

Comments: We must save these through trains, they are very important for tourists.

1821. Name: K Sinclair on Feb 17, 2012
Comments: These are important transport links. The Chieftain is a popular service which is very busy through most of the year. They also provide much higher standards than daytime Scotrail services. Scotrail should be improved rather than removing these trains.

1822. Name: Philip Lawrence on Feb 17, 2012
Comments:

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1824. Name: Mr R L Simpson on Feb 17, 2012
Comments: This campaign has my full support.
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1825. Name: Mark Forsbury on Feb 17, 2012
Comments: Surely a time to be securing the future of this daytime link and considering the options for a second via the west coast route, rather than having the inconvenience of changing at Edinburgh.

1826. Name: Nicole Lazarus on Feb 17, 2012
Comments: Please keep these fantastic long distance trains running smoothly and without changes. It is the best way to travel, but only if you keep a good service going.
Thanks

1827. Name: Sally Murray on Feb 18, 2012
Comments:

1828. Name: Paolo Giudici on Feb 18, 2012
Comments: I love Scotland!

1829. Name: Ian Perham on Feb 18, 2012
Comments:

1830. Name: Anonymous on Feb 18, 2012
Comments: why axe the only sustainable way to get to Highlands?

1831. Name: Chris Goldhawk on Feb 18, 2012
Comments:

1832. Name: Anonymous on Feb 18, 2012
Comments:

1833. Name: Sumit Sachdeva on Feb 18, 2012
Comments:

1834. Name: Donald McLellan on Feb 18, 2012
Comments: I have used the Highland Chieftain many times. The loss of this service would be very inconvenient to me and many others.

1835. Name: Mary McLellan on Feb 18, 2012
Comments:

1836. Name: Patricia Sands on Feb 18, 2012
Comments:

1837. Name: Patricia Sands on Feb 18, 2012
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1838. Name: Anna Philbrick on Feb 18, 2012
Comments: whether scotland gets independence or not it is essential there are convenient train links to england...the more hassle trains are the more people make the excuse to drive is that what you want to encourage??
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1839. Name: James Robertson on Feb 19, 2012
Comments: Don't cut services, improve them.
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1840. Name: Tristan Marris on Feb 19, 2012
Comments:
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1841. Name: Fiona Walker on Feb 19, 2012
Comments:
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1842. Name: Jim Lenton on Feb 19, 2012
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1843. Name: Andy Kirby on Feb 19, 2012
Comments: Having recently moved from Kent to Dornoch we have valued th single day time through connection to London as well as the Caledonian sleeper. This has encouraged friends to visit us and spend money in the local economy in a way that having to change in Edinburgh with the inevitable lengthening of the journey would not. To loose the connection would encourage people off the train and onto the Inverness Gatwick flights rather than choosing the train. This is not a sustainable move.
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1844. Name: Lewis Mowatt on Feb 19, 2012
Comments: As a Scotsman now living in England it horrifies me that I can now travel to the far side of Europe more easily than I can travel to my home city within my own country.
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1845. Name: Helen Philpott on Feb 19, 2012
Comments:
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1846. Name: Chrissy Case on Feb 19, 2012
Comments:
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1847. Name: James Ramsay on Feb 19, 2012
Comments:
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1848. Name: Alison Graham on Feb 19, 2012
Comments:
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1849. Name: Paul Haywood on Feb 20, 2012
Comments: Changing in Edinburgh would discourage many travellers and spoil the joy of travel into the Highlands by this civilised method of transport.
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1850. Name: Elie Bassouls on Feb 20, 2012
Comments: Both services (The Highland Chieftain and the Caledonian Sleeper) I found most useful when using them. I was not alone, the trains were full! It would be an insult to the Highlands and business there to see them discontinued.
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1851. Name: Jonathan Darby on Feb 20, 2012
Comments: Loss of direct trains can only lead to fewer train journeys and more by car/air. Consider extending electrification instead.
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1852. Name: Val Sweeney on Feb 20, 2012
Comments: Forcing rail passengers to change trains at Edinburgh would be hugely detrimental to the Highlands. Save The Chieftain.
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Please add our names to your list of campaigners against cutting the direct line rail service between London and Inverness. An eight hour journey time is quite enough.

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Two trains each way per day would be a far better bet.

We also consider that dualling more track would be of great benefit.

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