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**Threatened closure of Maryhill, Kelvinside and Gilshochill stations.**

I wish to register my objection to the closure of the 3 stations.

What sensible justification can there be to close 3 unmanned stations that serve their respective communities? Other than the cleaning and periodic maintenance of these stations that cost very little in relative terms to the upkeep of Scotland's overall rail system, there can be no economic reasons to close them.

To suggest, in the case of closing Maryhill and Gilshochill stations, that current and potential users will simply use Summerston is simply absurd. Many of the current users do so because of the convenient locality of the 2 stations. Also, a considerable number of users, residents of nearby Bearsden and other nearby locations, use Maryhill on a park-and ride basis, leaving their cars in quiet nearby locations. Closing Maryhill, therefore, would probably add to the congestion on an already very busy Maryhill Road. Also, most local users would revert to travelling by bus, or worse, use cars, to travel to and from the city causing additional congestion. It is very unlikely that most of the current users would walk to Summerston. All of this, would of course, lead to less revenue for the rail system. Surely this defies the logic of sensible government that wishes to encourage a greater use of our rail systems rather than a reduction!

I consider the present government's consideration to close these stations to be seriously flawed and ill-thought. As a lifelong supporter of self determination for Scotland and an SNP voter since I turned 18 years of age, 47 years ago, closing these stations would indicate to me a serious deficiency in common sense government, and would lead me to question how a future Scottish government would have the competence to manage vital issues. The result may very well be my vote being cast elsewhere!

Please, use some common sense.