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### Rail 2014 Consultation

Having been unable to bring up the response form from the website I am now writing to give my view on questions 29 and 30 regarding cross border services.

I wish to register my disapproval of the proposal that cross border services should terminate at Edinburgh. This would be a most retrograde step causing inconvenience to those living north of Edinburgh. There would certainly be a time penalty for travellers as well as the inconvenience and discomfort of changing, especially in winter, and if people had luggage, which is often the case with long journeys. The elderly and disabled would be badly disadvantaged. Those, like myself, who use services from Leuchars, value the through trains operated by East Coast and Cross Country.

On any form of transport a through service is always preferable.

I can think of no benefit to passengers resulting from the withdrawal of these services.



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