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I am writing to you on the matter of the closure of the stations already mentioned in the subject line.

I am sure that I am not alone in thinking that this idea is absolutely appalling!
I use this service on a very regular basis & along with other residents in the area, were actually hoping that this service would have been extended to include Sundays.

The infrastructure at these stations has been in place for quite a while now.
As far as I can see, they are reasonably low maintenance & are very convenient for the local population.
Trains shall be travelling along this line anyway. Is there an issue if, in order to pick up passengers at a location convenient to them, they actually stop for a few minutes at these stations? I thought that this was the whole purpose of a railway system.

I was also under the impression that there was a political desire to get more people using public transport,
with the view to reducing the number of motor vehicles using the roads, hence cutting down on congestion & engine emissions.

For my own part, I predominantly use Kelvindale but also Maryhill station. There is no way that I would consider Anniesland to be a "local" amenity.
Particularly in the winter, I would have to consider using another mode of transport to even get to either Anniesland or Summerston stations,
which would completely defeat the purpose of using the train. This is of course assuming that in order for me to make said journey,
I could find a parking space for my car or that the local bus services would be in situ.
There has already been a move to terminate the number 11 bus service,
which in this area would leave a lot of, in some cases, very vulnerable people, stranded. Unless, of course, they were fit enough to take the quickest route to Anniesland station,
which would be a trek on foot, along the bank of the Forth & Clyde Canal. This would be less than ideal, , particularly in bad weather, for the more elderly members of our community.

I can assure you that any political party who is implicit in the closure of these stations will not be receiving my vote in either local, national or European elections.

It is my wish that the powers that be take on board the wishes of the local community, whom after all are the people who voted them into office
& that they would strive to carry out the desires of the residents of the affected areas.