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As a regular user of Airbles Railway Station in Motherwell, I was surprised and disappointed to read of the proposed closure of the station. Airbles Station may be less than a mile from Motherwell Station but is not much less than a mile. Walking quickly, it takes me more than 10 minutes to walk from Airbles to Motherwell.

The vast majority of the people who use Airbles Station live beyond Airbles and would be faced with a walk of a mile or more to travel to Motherwell Station. Local people who live in the area between the two stations seldom use Airbles Station.

In the large office in which I am employed, a number of members of staff use the train to travel to Hamilton and Blantyre. They will not walk to Motherwell Station to catch a train and the revenue accrued from their travel will be lost.

I believe that the proposal to close Airbles Station is ill-conceived and should receive short shrift.

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