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I write to add my voice to those opposing the proposed cessation of rail service along the Glasgow Anniesland to Queen Street lines including Kelvindale, Maryhill, and Gilshochill. I do hope you will take my considerations on board.

If you are familiar with the area, you will know that, while some stations may be quite close to others, facts of local geography, viable routes, and other considerations mean that stations that may be only a mile away are effectively inaccessible for people travelling on foot. Walking from Kelvindale to Anniesland may be reasonable, but to travel from Maryhill or Gilshochill to Summerston is not: not for people with mobility issues, not during inclement weather (steep hills make roads, not well maintained and not well gritted, very dangerous) and, unfortunately, not for vulnerable people after dark. I would particularly like to emphasise this latter point. Whether we like it or not, we must acknowledge that not everywhere in Glasgow is particularly safe. These local stations, servicing primarily residential communities, taking people to and from their work, their schools, their shopping, or their day out, help keep people out of the way of potentially nasty situations and give them a safe, comfortable way home. This is extremely valuable and vital to a community whose only access to town is by car or public transport. The service is very well used and very much appreciated by residents on its route. Were it to be stopped, it would have a considerable affect, entirely negative.

I sincerely hope you will think carefully about the specific situations of the people this line serves: why it is there, why it has the stops that it does, and why local people need this service. Thank you very much for your time reading this. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you wish to do so.