Consultation Questions

I have only commented on the question which I felt were relevant to me as an individual

The answer boxes will expand as you type.

Scottish stations

1. How should we determine what rail stations are required and where, including whether a station should be closed?

Q24 comments: the decision should not be purely financial. The location of the area and the extent to which it is currently serviced by public transport along with the geography of the area all need to be considered. My local station is Kelvindale, one of those singled out for closure. The part of Kelvindale I live in is served by only one bus service and the service is poor. Waiting in Glasgow city centre for the bus back to Kelvindale has been a real disincentive to using the city centre and it is only since the opening of the local station that I have begun using the city centre again for shopping, cinema trips etc. I can't understand why it is earmarked for closure having been so recently opened up again. I do not think this area is well enough serviced by public transport to close it. There is a significant elderly population in the area and a lot of families with young children. The area is hilly and transport needs to be within easy reach. I am completely opposed to the closure of this station.

2. What are the merits or issues that arise from a third party (such as a local authority or local business) being able to propose, promote and fund a station or service?

Q25 comments: I have no objection to this as long as it does not result in additional charges being made to use the station and as long as it does not jeopardise the future of the station

3. How can local communities be encouraged to support their local station?

Q27 comments: by publicising fares especially off peak fares. By promoting use of rail travel in schools with emphasis on eco friendly aspects of using the train. Promotion in community clubs etc.