

## **C000327b**

Major transport problems are being addressed in Scotland at the present, upgrade of current railway lines to accept the 9'6" container and increasing the transfer of container freight to rail hardly seem's to be worth a consideration. Huge sums are being mentioned to dual the A9, A96, a new bypass for Aberdeen? I personally do not have a problem with any of these roads. However, (A9) some do, a system of red warning lights could be used to ban over taking on single carriage areas. Green lights/signs for dual areas.

These light/signs could be powered by small wind turbines/solar power.

Given the small population along the A9, and the urgent need to reduce lorry pollution, the dualling of certain areas of the Perth -Inverness line to permit 9'6" rail container freight would appear to be the way forward.

The railway lines connecting Edinburgh -Aberdeen (Dyce) should be electrified. The tunnel at Dundee would probably need to have the track bed lowered, and I understand that there is a tunnel with a 'kink' requiring a speed limit, with modern machinery this could be possible, additional thought could be given to straightening the track route in order to run higher train speeds. This will enable Scotland to steel a march on the UK as we would effectively be building a High Speed track in the direction of London.

The Glasgow - Perth-Dundee line could be electrified,

The Aberdeen -Inverness line needs additional dualling to permit freight trains to pass each other as well as improving the passenger service.

New cars could be delivered by rail to many stations on the line, havoc is the only word to use about the car delivery system at VW. Elgin.

Lhanbryde/Focharbers, a station is required here to cope with future passenger traffic growth, before houses are built in the wrong place.

Keith: consideration could be given to moving Spirit traffic by rail. This would make our roads safer.

Elgin has a container crane, in need of repair. Containers could be packed in the yard here and loaded on to trains with reasonable ease. The current car park is utterly inadequate for the current service, never mind the proposed service. The connecting service to Elgin, from the day service from London at Inverness is very poor, a one hour wait!

The rail line to Roseisle could be up graded to permit grain to be delivered at night from all over the UK. Military traffic, jet engines, spare parts, and aircraft fuel could be delivered here to serve Lossiemouth/Kinloss Army base.

Forres: this station needs to be straightened out and the car park enlarged as it is inadequate, there is probably room for a business park to the north of the current station.

Inverness airport urgently need a rail link. A link into the airport would enable freight trains to overtake. However, given the gross overcrowding experienced in the airport, a new terminal adjacent to the rail line would probably be cost effective in the long term.

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