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As a fairly regular visitor to St Andrews, I greatly value access to a direct train route from Newton Abbot to Leuchars and am therefore unhappy to learn that this may cease. From personal experience – I am now 84 – I know how difficult it is for an old person, travelling alone and carrying luggage, to change trains, especially at a large, unfamiliar station such as Edinburgh is to me. I do hope that, before a final decision is made, this matter will be given due consideration. Given an ageing population, it is, after all, a problem which is almost bound to intensify.

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