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I would like to voice my opposition to the potential closure of Kelvindale train station.

While it is proposed that Kelvindale commuters would use Anniesland station this is problematic -

The trains passing through Anniesland station are already congested to the point of standing room only during peak hours and would only become more crowded if Kelvindale (and Maryhill) stations were to be closed.

The number of cars on the road would also increase during rush hour. Surely the point is to encourage commuters to utilise public transport and not to make it more difficult (our public transport system already lags behind our western European peers as it is).

Many Kelvindale residents are elderly and would find it difficult to walk to Anniesland (which for some residents could be up to 1 mile...not an insignificant distance to walk during the dark winter months when ice on the pavements is also an issue).

Kelvindale train station was only 26th September 2005. The related cost and resource that went into this new station will be entirely wasted if the station is closed.

Furthermore, a closed station would rapidly become dilapidated, would become a place for local teenagers to use at night and would undoubtedly become a blight on the community.

One of the primary reasons that I continue to reside in Kelvindale (along with my wife and two children) is the train station. It would be a great shame for the residents of Kelvindale if this service were to be terminated - if this happens, no train will run through Kelvindale ever again. For once, it would be nice if the Scottish political system could unite on this issue and place as much pressure as possible on the Scottish Government to ring fence this station from closure (along with Maryhill & Gilshochill). I for one would be willing to see my fares increased to compensate for the ongoing running costs of this service. I am sure others would be too.