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Dear Rail 2014

Thank you for providing me with an opportunity to raise my concerns about the rail line to Stranraer.

I am particularly concerned that this line will be closed 2014 onwards. Over the last few years the 'service' has deteriorated: most recently one evening train to Stranraer has been cut from the timetable; and previously the Stranraer to Newcastle service was completely axed.

In an age of increased rail use it is very concerning that 'Transport Scotland' are happy to run down this service when in fact more stations could be added between Girvan and Stranraer to provide access to walks and the wonderful countryside in South West Scotland. It would be great for tourism.

I know that the council of Dumfries and Galloway do not care about the rail service from Stranraer. Indeed, this council does not care about Galloway at all. Nevertheless, it would be of benefit to the area if this consultation would confirm that the rail line to Stranraer will remain and perhaps improve and develop over time.

Yours faithfully



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