

Rail 2014  
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Dear Sirs,

Rail 2014 Consultation Response

I apologise that I am not able to use the official form provided on your website. Nevertheless, there are a few questions on which I hope you will be able to take note of my views.

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3. Permissions: I am responding as an individual; I agree to my response being made available to the public, together with my name but not my address. I am willing to be contacted again by the Scottish Government in relation to this consultation.

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29. Yes, cross-border services should continue to go north of Edinburgh. Anyone aiming for a destination beyond Edinburgh is likely to be deterred from travelling by train, if the journey will involve an extra change from an inter-city train to a local service.

30. No, these cross-border services should not terminate at Edinburgh Waverley. Tourist businesses in Edinburgh might benefit from this, but everyone else would suffer.

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37. Sleeper services should be specified: they are too important to be left to purely commercial considerations.

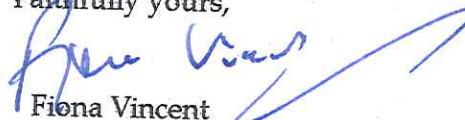
38. The form of contract for the Caledonian Sleeper services should be whichever option best guarantees the future of this vital service.

39. The Caledonian Sleeper service makes it possible for me to attend meetings in London which would be quite impossible otherwise, except by flying.

Personally, I am happy with one service each way overnight, and the exact time of departure is less important - though I wish the service were also available on Saturday nights.

The current facilities are adequate, though I would be willing to pay a little more for a slightly better "breakfast" (as used to be provided until a couple of years ago).

Faithfully yours,

  
Fiona Vincent