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Dear Sir/Madam

As a resident in Kelvindale for almost 40 years I have witnessed the slow demise of the transport links passing through the area. However, it was a welcome change when the new station was opened and we were provided with a fast, reliable link to the city; despite the fact that the occasional bus service became even more occasional.

Now that the Kelvindale station is under threat of closure, which means that access to the heart of the district will depend on a very infrequent bus service, I would ask that consideration be given to the following before a final decision is made:-

1. Many of the residents are elderly and do not drive, therefore public transport is essential.
2. As Government policy is to reduce carbon emissions, the provision of the rail line allows those residents in the area who do drive, to leave cars behind and commute by train.
3. The closure of the station, with the physical characteristics of the area (i.e. hilly), would prevent residents accessing the alternative stations at Anniesland or Hyndland, which, for some, would be a walk of almost 2 miles.
4. Cleveden Secondary school is in the centre of Kelvindale and due to the closure of many schools in the North West area, accommodates around 1200 pupils from different areas, including those served by the rail link, e.g. Summerston, Gilshochill and Possilpark. The removal of the rail service would provide difficulties, and possibly dangers, for the pupils who rely on this service.
5. Although the rail line passes through stations that appear to be close together, as the crow flies, the reality is that the walking distance between each is much longer. Furthermore the area is hilly and difficult for older residents, mothers with children and the disabled.

I would ask you to ensure that the points made above are given full consideration by the appropriate body.

Yours faithfully



Alex Watt