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Re: proposal to terminate direct rail services from London to all stations North of Edinburgh.

This is an extremely popular and valuable service for all passengers in Fife and up the East coast to Aberdeen. Having to change trains in Edinburgh would add very considerably to the length of an already long journey, and be extremely inconvenient for the many passengers who travel with considerable amounts of luggage, eg tourists and especially students.

It is not clear why this proposal is being made, and it appears to have no advantages to offer the travelling public. The only advantages seem to be for the 'Scottish franchisee' and train operators. The public pays for its travel and expects the highest standards from train companies. This proposal can only add to the inconvenience of travel.