

Dr Lyn Wilson

I am writing with regard to the current public consultation on Rail 2014.

I would like to express my concern over the suggestion to close Maryhill train station and the potential threat thereupon to the entire Glasgow-Anniesland line. As a resident of Maryhill Park, this train station is a life-line for the local community and used regularly by my family. I commute to work in Edinburgh and use the train regularly to reach either Anniesland to connect to Edinburgh Park station, or to GLQ to reach the same destination. As a woman, I would not feel safe walking in the dark to Summerston station and if my local Maryhill station were to close, I would be forced to commute via car to Edinburgh on a daily basis.

I would suggest if the line is losing money, to install ticket machines at Maryhill and other stations on this line, so travellers can purchase a ticket and not rely on the conductor. I appreciate ticket barriers are not an option for these smaller stations, but perhaps ticket purchasing machines, or an extra conductor to assist with issuing tickets on board.

Another money saving suggestion would be to reduce the evening service, e.g. after 7pm to hourly, or not at all. Most commuters are at home by this time, so may be a quiet time for the line.

I would urge you to reconsider and not remove this local community's vital service from Maryhill station.