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Dear Transport Scotland,

I would appreciate if you would take into account the views of the public on the matter of your proposal to close stations within 1 mile of each other.

Would you envisage that this would ever happen on the London Underground or Rail Network or on any other network in the UK?

The vast majority of the stations that you say are within 1 mile of each other have seen significant passenger growth of 50% plus over the last 10 years. What is the logic of closing these and shifting people into their cars. Passengers will not spend 20 minutes walking to another station - look at what happened after the Beeching Closures of the 1960's.

With respect to the Cathcart Circle line - all the stations are within 1 mile of each other and 4 stations: Queens Park/ Pollockshields East and Shawlands/ Pollockshaws East are within 1/4 mile of one another - why don't you just close half the stations along this line to improve journey times for the other passengers?

Maybe if it the proposals were based on footfall or declining passenger numbers there could be a case for closure - but virtually every instance of the 1 mile radius policy there has been significant usage growth with regards to the stations concerned.

I suspect that your 1 mile station radius proposal is a softening-up exercise to close Duke Street, Alexandra Parade and Barnhill Stations in the run up to the EGIP in 2014/16 - so that Cumbernauld electric services can reverse and run non-stop into Glasgow Queen Street Low Level. Let's wait and see.

Please listen to the views of the passengers.

Alan Wood

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