

Submission by Dr Ian McKee MBE MSP

I believe that inadequate provision of car parking facilities at a reasonable price is a serious disincentive to rail travel. The problem is magnified by the fact that many major rail stations are in the centres of cities where land for car parking is not easy to obtain and travellers by rail add to town centre congestion however they travel to the station.

I suggest the development of satellite stations on the fringe of cities and towns, along the lines of Bristol Parkway for example, where car parking is cheap to provide. Only travellers coming from or to city centres then need to use city centre stations.

I also support the short term car parking facility where people can meet passengers from trains with little or no charge for the first 20 minutes but rapidly increasing charges thereafter.

I am happy for this response to be made publicly available.
Ian McKee

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