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Dear Sir,

I am pleased to have opportunity to contribute as MSP for Midlothian to the consultation on initiatives related to the ScotRail franchise extension.

Given that a statement to the Scottish Parliament in August 2008 confirmed that the Waverley Railway line would be operational by the end of 2013, I am very surprised that there is no mention in the document of the operation of rail services on the Waverley line as part of the franchise extension. This is particularly concerning given that the franchise extension runs until November 2014.

I would ask that an explicit commitment is made to the operation of passenger railway services between Edinburgh, Midlothian and the Borders, reflecting the commitment made by Scottish Ministers to Parliament in August.

Yours sincerely



Rhona Brankin MSP

## Annex C

## RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the details below and return it with your responses. This will help ensure we handle your response appropriately. Thank you for your help.

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1. Are you responding: (please tick one box)
- |     |                                   |                                     |                         |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) | as an individual                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | go to Q2a/b and then Q4 |
| (b) | on behalf of a group/organisation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | go to Q3 and then Q4    |

## INDIVIDUALS

- 2a. Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government website)?

Yes (go to 2b below) ☐

No, not at all ☐ We will treat your response as confidential

- 2b. Where *confidentiality is not requested*, we will make your response available to the public on the following basis (please tick one of the following boxes)

Yes, make my response, name and address all available	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes, make my response available, but not my name or address	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address	<input type="checkbox"/>

## ON BEHALF OF GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS:

3. The name and address of your organisation *will be* made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Transport Scotland website). Are you also content for your response to be made available?

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	We will treat your response as confidential

## SHARING RESPONSES/FUTURE ENGAGEMENT

4. We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for the Scottish Government to contact you again in the future in relation to this consultation response?

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>