

PE1578/C

Dear Ms. Robinson

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to release funding for and establish passenger rail platforms at: Crossford; Cairneyhill; Torryburn; Valleyfield; Culross and Kincardine; thereby linking Stirling to the Fife Circle.

Thank you for your letter of 26 November 2015, asking for a response to the above petition which is being considered by the Public Petitions Committee.

Members will be aware that it is Transport Scotland, not ScotRail, that take the decision on which routes are to be opened up for passenger use. Such a decision would only be made after the development of a business case by the Regional Transport Partnership (RTP) (in this instance SESTRAN) which would then be subject to a STAG appraisal.

If this appraisal were to be successful, then the business case would be submitted to ourselves and Transport Scotland for assessment. It would be inappropriate for us to comment at this stage as we would not wish to pre-judge any assessment that may or may not take place in the future.

I hope that you understand our position on this issue. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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