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Dear Sirs,

Consideration of Petition PE1578 : Forth Circle Rail Link

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.

Fife Council welcomes the interest shown by the petitioner for a possible future Forth Circle Rail Link (from Dunfermline to Alloa).

The potential for a Forth Circle Rail Link will be considered as part of the wider, strategic transportation assessment and appraisal to be carried out for the Longannet Task Force, looking at the impact of the future closure of Longannet Power Station. This assessment is being carried out with the support of all key partners: Transport Scotland, SEStran, Fife Council and the neighbouring local authorities of Falkirk, Clackmannanshire, Stirling and Perth & Kinross. This assessment is programmed to commence in 2016. It will cover a wider study area than the original Scottish Transport Assessment Guidance (STAG) appraisal completed in 2010 for the Clackmannan-Fife-Edinburgh Rail Study (which was focussed on the area north of the Firth of Forth, between Alloa and Inverkeithing).

Fife Council is supportive of projects which enhance and increase the travel choices and connectivity for all Fife's residents and which support our local businesses and tourism. Fife Council would be seeking further discussions with Transport Scotland once the appraisal and economic justification of all transport options generated by the appraisal (including potentially a rail link) have been examined.

Yours sincerely

Steve Grimmond
Chief Executive Fife Council