

The Proposed Plan outlines in paragraph 5.128 that the provision of a new rail station at Winchburgh is linked in the Edinburgh – Glasgow Improvements Project (EGIP) and that services at the station will commence in 2018. These statements are not factually correct and should be removed.

Section 5. Representation

Your representation should be no more than 2000 words. You should explain clearly and concisely your reasons for seeking a change to or supporting this aspect of the Proposed Plan. If you are attaching additional documents as part of your representation you must refer to these in this section of the form and include a summary of their content. Representations which simply state “see attached” or similar will not be accepted and will be returned.

Paragraph 5.127 of the Proposed Plan states “*The Edinburgh Glasgow Improvement Project (EGIP) will bring significant rail service improvements to West Lothian through the electrification of routes and extending station platforms to accommodate longer trains.*”

Paragraph 5.128 states “*Linked to this is the delivery of a new rail station at Winchburgh which has been agreed with all interested parties and is to be constructed by developers. Rail services at Winchburgh are to commence in December 2018 subject to all necessary construction and timetabling works being completed on schedule.*”

Provision has been made in the new Scotrail franchise to operate services that can include calls at Winchburgh. These will be inserted into the Edinburgh – Stirling/Dunblane/Alloa proposed timetable. This can only be implemented after the electrification of the route has been completed in December 2018.

The provision of the station is not part of or linked to EGIP and is being provided by developers as part of the expansion of the Winchburgh settlement. Consequently it is recommended that paragraph 5.128 is reworded to remove any confusion with regard to any links between Winchburgh station and EGIP; and dates of commencement of services which could be misleading.