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Dear Mr Mason

Parkhead Railway Station

Thank you for your letter, dated 18 May, regarding the possibility of opening a station adjacent to Parkhead Forge. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying.

As you will be aware, a station at this location has been considered in the past, but for various reasons it has not been taken forward. For information, we have prepared a short briefing note (attached) on work undertaken previously on a station at or near this site which summarises some of the challenges which would likely be faced in seeking to deliver any progress.

The main focus of SPT's rail attention in the area has, in recent times, concentrated on the redevelopment of Dalmarnock Station. Access for the Commonwealth Games drove that particular project but this was very closely allied with the legacy benefits in the area which are now being increasingly realised along with the improved access to the rail network to and from Celtic Park on match days. Indeed, station usage at Dalmarnock has now reached c. 368,000 passengers per annum, a significant increase from just a few years ago.

Given the potential challenges noted above in relation to a station at Parkhead, we believe at this stage it would be beneficial for you to have an initial dialogue with Transport Scotland prior to any more formal approach for funding. This would allow you to ascertain their early views on such a proposal, how best to approach next steps, and also what should be done to address any challenges. We have passed a copy of the briefing note to Transport Scotland to further assist this matter.

I trust this is satisfactory and thank you again for your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

Gordon MacLennan
Chief Executive

Enc: Parkhead Station briefing note