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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 December 2014 10:54
To: [REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk
Subject: RE: Growing want for a new Train Station at Ibrox Stadium!

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Thank you for your enquiry regarding a rail station at Ibrox Stadium.

The Scottish Government has no current plans to build a railway station at Ibrox.

Whilst the Scottish Government is committed to improving rail connectivity, reliability and journey times throughout Scotland, when considering proposals for new stations, such as an Ibrox Station, it is necessary for the Government to take a strategic view. We must fully consider the impact new stations will have on the whole network and how they fit within the national objectives.

Determining the potential benefits to new passengers against the negative impact on existing passengers, while robustly assessing value for money and affordability are essential. Long-term demand and the impact on the Scottish Government subsidy requirements, such as annual rail operating costs can be considerable.

As such, a transport appraisal must be prepared in line with the Government's Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) and where a station option is considered, Network Rail's Guidance "Investment in Stations: A Guide for Promoters and Developers" should also be used. Factors to be considered include the wider impact to the rail network, operational and engineering feasibilities, subsidy implications to the Scottish Government and initial capital costs. I attach a link to both documents.

<http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/scottish-transport-appraisal-guidance-stag>

<http://www.networkrail.co.uk/browse%20documents/rus%20documents/route%20utilisation%20strategies/network/working%20group%20-%20-%20stations/investmentinstations.pdf?cd=1>

Funding for new railway stations can be considered under the £30 million Scottish Stations Fund which aims to lever in third party funding to provide improved and new stations. The responsibility to demonstrate the need for station improvements, however, lies with the relevant promoter, for example, Local Authorities, Regional Transport Partnerships or developers.

The next step for promoters of this scheme is to discuss their proposals with the relevant Regional Transport Partnership (in this case, SPT) who can assess the proposal for a rail station at Ibrox in line with local and regional transport priorities. If SPT confirm that there is a requirement for an additional transport intervention in the area and they wish to progress the proposal, they will undertake a transport appraisal in line with STAG as detailed above.

More details can also be found on the Transport Scotland website at:

<http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/rail/stations-and-interchanges>

I hope this response is helpful

Kind Regards

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From: [REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk]
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Evening Times - 30/03/12:

Talks to start on plan for Ibrox rail link

RANGERS are to open talks with transport bosses over plans to build a new railway station at Ibrox.

Thousands of fans could travel to games by train for the first time in more than 40 years under proposals to recreate the stop at Broomloan Road.

There are hundreds and hundreds of Rangers fans who take the subway to Ibrox at every home game, like myself. I get tired having to jump on a train at one stop, then get off it the next, then jump on a subway, then step off it and same for the return journey. Now that happens EVERY second week of my life, so yes, I suppose you can see my point about it getting tiring! BUT what a lot of fans have been calling for a number of years now is to get a train station in place right beside the stadium. As said in that Evening Times article above, there was originally a train station at the Broomloan Road end of the Stadium over 40 years ago, completely mental idea to scrap it if you ask me. All the money companies like ScotRail would be making on Old Firm days or Scotland National Team games being played at Ibrox for a neutral venue or the now on going discussions with Rangers and the Scottish Rugby Association to play some games at Ibrox in the near future as a neutral ground as a change from Murrayfield Stadium after how well it worked out during the 2014 Commonwealth Games. Scotrail simply CANNOT pass the book on this issue once they realise the Station will pay for itself with fans flocking to use the trains in hopefully the near future. I would REALLY like for you to look into this issue and to please act upon it and get something done about it. Govan needs to be modernised more so lets start with a new station outside Ibrox Stadium!

Yours Sincerely, 

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