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Dear Mr Brannen

Please find the attached letter on behalf of Thomas Glen

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Dear Mr Brannen

**East Dunbartonshire A81 and A803/806 Route Corridor Studies**

Our Route Corridor Studies for the A81 and A803/806 corridors were completed earlier this year and approved for publication by the Development and Regeneration Committee in August 2015. Transport Scotland was a key partner in the developing these studies, providing feedback throughout.

Through the Council's Transport Working Group (a cross party members group) we have been reviewing the results of the Studies and will ensure that as we move forward with producing an updated Local Transport Strategy, which will replace our current Strategy (2013 – 17), this evidence forms a major part of the process. We are keen to ensure that we provide for all modes of transport across East Dunbartonshire and that integrated solutions are identified for the Route Corridors in particular. This reflects our current approach in delivering our 2013 Local Transport Strategy.

As part of this work the Council has considered the role of new rail stations as part of East Dunbartonshire's transport provision. I would like to confirm the Council's support for the three rail stations considered in the Route Corridor Studies. As you will be aware, with Transport Scotland's support, we have safeguarded land in our Local Development Plan for these potential rail stations.

I therefore wish to seek your advice in taking forward the Route Corridor Study findings and progressing work on the rail stations:

**Allander**

The Council is keen to continue work to enable this potential station to come forward. It is noted that this option generally performed positively against the Transport Planning Objectives in the STAG

study and offers multiple benefits if double tracking were to be provided, such as improved capability and capacity of the branch, improved rail performance, the ability to offer a more flexible timetable to deal with timing issues elsewhere and capacity to release empty sets during the off peak times. In addition development will be coming forward at Kilmardinny, within the Stirling Council area and parking provision at Milngavie and Hillfoot station is limited. Can Transport Scotland confirm its commitment in principle to this station going forward and support the Council in progressing to and carrying out the GRIP4 process?

Westerhill

It is noted that this option performed well against transport planning objectives and could potentially have a high positive impact on modal shift and enhance the sustainable transport network that supports local development and regeneration. The Council understands that this potential station sits on the EGIP line, a national priority. With this in mind, can Transport Scotland confirm its commitment in principle to this station going forward and support the Council in progressing to and carrying out the GRIP4 process through officer support and funding either at present or in the future?

Woodilee

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Yours sincerely,



Thomas Glen  
Director of Development and Regeneration

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8 January 2016

*Dear Thomas*

**East Dunbartonshire A81 and A803/A806 Route Corridor Studies**

Thank you for your letter dated 10 December regarding your A81 and A803/806 corridor studies.

I am pleased to hear that you consider Transport Scotland as a key partner in developing these studies and that you have identified a range of transport options for improving connectivity along the corridors. While I understand that you have taken comments at various stages some specific issues highlighted with the rail options have not been addressed in full.

**Westerhill and Woodilee stations (A803 Study)**

Based on the issues set out in this corridor study and the current focus on delivery of Glasgow – Edinburgh journey time savings and resilience, any further work on these additional station proposals at this time would be abortive. There may be merit in revisiting the appraisals when EGIP works are complete and further information becomes available on future rail patronage and potential future scheme improvements. If /when the study problems, opportunities and options are revisited there should be further consideration of infrastructure and revenue costs as the figures quoted do not capture the full extent.

**Allander Station (A81 study)**

The key rail delivery issue which is not resolved by the appraisal undertaken to date is the cost and potential benefits of infrastructure works which would enable stops at Allander. This technical issue combined with questions around the walk in catchment, development potential and parking levels need to be resolved to provide rationale for further, more detailed work.

I trust that this provides a clear indication of our position based on the current studies and I would encourage you to continue working with Transport Scotland as these matters develop.

I am also copying this reply to the Minister for Transport and Islands, Derek Mackay MSP.

*Yours Sincerely  
Roy Brannen*

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22 December 2015

*Dear Alan,*

Thank you for your letter of 10 December regarding your A81 and A803/806 corridor studies.

I am pleased to hear that you have included Transport Scotland as a key partner in developing these studies. While I understand that you have taken comments at various stages some specific issues highlighted with the rail options have not been addressed in full.

The issues set out in the A803/A806 Study do not take full account of the current focus on delivery of Glasgow – Edinburgh journey time savings and resilience, therefore any further work on potential additional station proposals at this time would be abortive. There may be merit in revisiting the appraisals when EGIP works are complete and further information becomes available on future rail patronage and potential future scheme improvements.

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