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Anne Jolly, Inquiry Secretary (Scottish Citylink)
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Dear Ms Jolly

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I refer to your current consultation on undertakings.

I previously made representation to the Competition Commission on 18 December 2006, and you published my letter on your website with the following link:

http://www.competition-commission.org.uk/inquiries/ref2006/citylink/pdf/third_party_submission_murdo_fraser.pdf

Whilst you responded to my letter, I did not feel that you had understood my comments or taken them into account. As a result, I remain firmly of the opinion that your decision to require a divestment of part of the Scottish Citylink Saltire Cross network is wrong, and is not in the interests of coach passengers or Scotland as a whole.

The decision is at odds with the Scottish Executive policy of increasing travel by sustainable modes and achieving modal shift to public transport services. I have found Stagecoach receptive to feedback and suggestions, a company that is proactive towards customers, and they have taken this approach into the Joint Venture.

As a result, I firmly believe it is essential that the Competition Commission revisits the decision taken, and looks seriously at adopting undertakings that will protect the travelling public and preserve the benefits and passenger growth that the Scottish Citylink network has provided.

As with my earlier letter, I would ask that this letter is published on your website.

Yours sincerely

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