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Ms Anne Jolly
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Dear Anne

Scottish Citylink Inquiry: notice of proposal

I would like my concerns to be noted in regards to the Competition Commission ruling on the venture between the above mentioned joint venture and decision to force the disposal of the part of the venture.

I have taken into consideration the views of the Commission and the arguments behind the ruling, which have been well represented in the media. However, the joint venture has proved highly successful in improving the coach network in Scotland. This has been done by implementing more frequent services and lowering fares, and statistics show this has been successful in increasing the use of services. The increased use of public transport is of particular importance in today's climate where cutting emissions that cause global warming is at the top of the governments agenda.

The current arrangements of the joint venture appear to me to be working well and to be of benefit to public road transport in Scotland.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Yours sincerely



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