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Subject: MEGABUS/Scottish Citylink Joint Venture: Competition Commission Finding

Dear Anne,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this finding.

We remain concerned that divestment may have impacts on the A9 bypass communities from Dalwhinnie to Carr-Bridge. Changes to current services may cause smaller settlements to be missed out on future timetabling. As the present service provides a life-line for these communities, such loss would have severe social and economic costs.

We would ask for a re-examination of the issues, and that further consideration be given to pricing, route and frequency undertakings instead.

regards

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