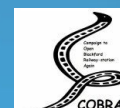


Campaign to Open Blackford Railway- station Again

AGM
19 JANUARY 2009

Patron : Desmond Carrington



COBRA – BACKGROUND

- Began in 2002 in response to the P&K Council draft structure plan
- Campaign organised by committee of volunteers
- Widespread support for reopening of passenger service at Blackford and consideration of freight facility at Highland Spring
- Formally constituted in 2006



COBRA - OBJECTIVES

- To campaign for the re-opening of Blackford Railway Station
- To promote rail as an essential element in an environmentally friendly, sustainable and integrated transport system serving the Strathallan and Strathearn community
- To develop and foster links between community transport providers and users



COBRA – HOW?

- Raising awareness with and garnering support from local residents/businesses
- Raising awareness with and garnering support from local and national politicians
- Raising awareness with rail operators and transport partnerships
- Raising awareness through local and national media
- Petition to Parliamentary Petitions Committee
- Website



COBRA - SUPPORTERS

- Local residents
- Local politicians
- National politicians
- Local Businesses
- Local Community Organisations
- Desmond Carrington
- Ian Hislop



COBRA – WHY REOPEN?

- ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS
 - Reduce road transport thereby reducing pollution
 - Reduce pressure on the A9 corridor
 - Climate Change Declaration



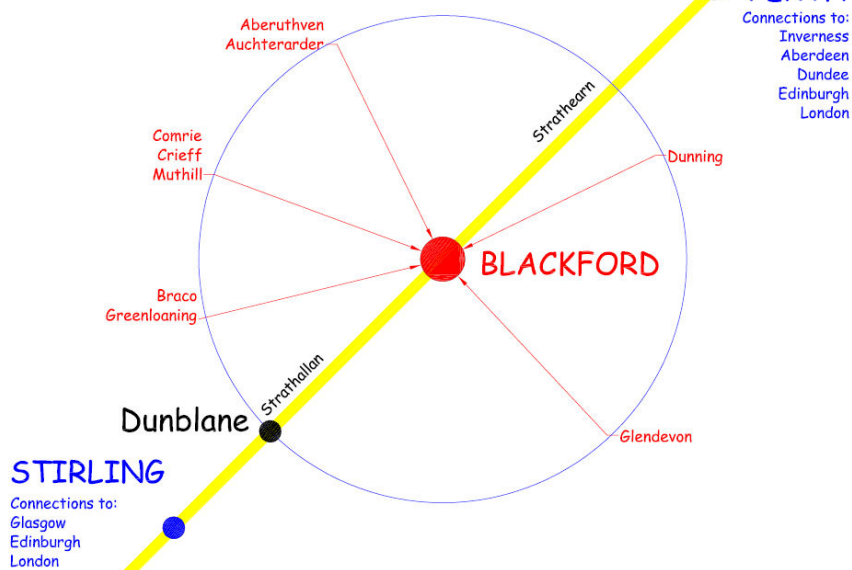
COBRA - WHY REOPEN?

- INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY

- Level crossing gives ground level access to both sides of the track
- Ample car parking space on both sides of the track
- B-road access and walking distance from multimillion pound golf and leisure complex
- Opens up the area for walkers, cyclists, visitors without the need of a car
- Negate the need for commuters to travel to Dunblane to access the service



RAILWAY CONNECTIONS



COBRA - WHY REOPEN?

- ECONOMIC BENEFITS
 - Encourage tourism without increasing car usage
 - Access to local businesses/attractions
 - Local commuters both in and out of the local area
 - Supports the increasing population



COBRA - WHY REOPEN?

- INCREASED SAFETY
 - Well lit
 - Within village boundaries
 - Straight platform
 - Good visibility
 - Manned signal box
 - Good visibility for vehicular access
 - Reduction of traffic on A9



COBRA – FEASIBILITY?

- Station could be re-opened quickly at relatively low cost
- Network of rail tracks and sidings still in place
- Platform infrastructure still there
- Surrounding land still owned by Railtrack
- Signal box/level crossing at the station
- In 2006 estimated at £1.75m (Scotrail), but could be done cheaper!



COBRA- OPPORTUNITY!

- Complimentary to Gleneagles Station
- Fast/Slow trains
- Hourly Service to Stirling
- Integrated bus service – Dochertys
- Sensible pricing strategy
- Current economic climate
- Real alternative to the car



COBRA

- More details on the campaign can be found at

www.cobra-blackford.org.uk

THANK YOU



COBRA – PACK CONTENTS

- PRESENTATION SLIDES
- DETAILS OF CAMPAIGN
- COMPARATIVE STUDY GLENEAGLES/BLACKFORD
- P&K COUNCIL HOUSING REQUIREMENTS
FIGURES 2008/2020

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