

*Sample letter to send to your MSP or MP in support of the COBRA campaign. A list of relevant MSPs can be found overleaf. Please add your own views and questions in as much detail as possible.*

MP or MSP name  
Address

Date:

Dear [Insert Name of MSP or MP]

## **REOPENING OF BLACKFORD RAILWAY STATION**

I am writing to register my support for the Campaign to Open Blackford Railway-station Again (COBRA).

Blackford is strategically situated adjacent to the A9 between Stirling and Perth. With an ever increasing focus on establishing socially inclusive, environmentally sustainable, integrated transport schemes, the re-opening of Blackford station presents a major opportunity to residents, businesses and visitors across a wide area of central Scotland.

Re-opening the station will provide widespread economic, environmental and social benefits, forming an integral part of the future regional transport strategy. Reinstating Blackford railway station is an easily achieved, affordable solution - the basic infrastructure at Blackford already exists so this would be a relatively inexpensive action and the 2014 Ryder Cup as a tourist event would also benefit hugely from the station at Blackford.

A re-opened Blackford Station will have a lasting impact not only on this generation but on many future generations. More drivers would switch to the train for medium to long distance journeys and new opportunities would be presented to the young, the old and non car-owners promoting greater long term social inclusion in the communities of south Perthshire.

Blackford station would be a safe, user-friendly and well-located station accessible to all as part of an integrated transport system, supporting the Scottish Government's aspiration for a modal shift from car to sustainable transport. In addition, a significant long term legacy of this project would be the cumulative effect of a significant reduction in transport-related carbon emissions.

I would like to know you what steps you are taking to support the COBRA campaign and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,  
[Your name]

COBRA - LIST OF RELEVANTS MSPs -

Roseanna Cunningham, elected MSP- also has responsibility for the Environment - stated support for COBRA.

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Dr Richard Simpson, list MSP - spoke on our behalf at the ePetitions Committee and was instrumental in having the next hearing delayed until 22<sup>nd</sup> April when our User Study findings will be published.

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Stewart Stevenson, MSP - Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change - attended the 2009 COBRA AGM

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Richard Lochhead, MSP - Minister for Rural Affairs and the environment - wrote to us confirming we have gained funding from the Climate Challenge Fund

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Murdo Fraser - Mid Scotland and Fife - stated support for COBRA

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