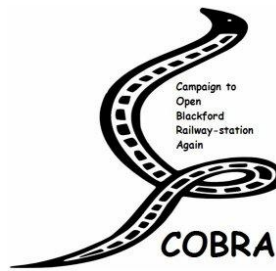


8th February 2010



Dear Householder,

**CAMPAIGN FOR THE RE-OPENING OF BLACKFORD RAILWAY STATION  
RESIDENTS TRAVEL SURVEY**

COBRA (Campaign for the Opening of Blackford Railway Station Again) are the locally based group campaigning at a regional and national level for re-instatement of Blackford Railway Station. The group have successfully gained support from the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund to study the impacts of re-opening Blackford Station, which AECOM have been commissioned to undertake.

Presently the only station in the Strathearn/Strathallan area is Gleneagles. This station has many limitations and it has been suggested that the access and facilities be improved at a cost comparable to that of re-opening Blackford Station. COBRA recognise that the costs and timescales for such improvements are considerable, and they believe that the complementary investment in Blackford Station would provide more immediate and widespread advantages.

A key part of the study is the collection of accurate local travel patterns, particularly **regular journeys**, regardless of whether these are currently made by train or not. We are also keen to understand local residents' views on **station requirements**.

Attached to this letter is a survey form, which we are asking to be completed by members of each household. A separate form should be completed by each household member undertaking regular journeys.

The easiest way to complete the survey is ON-LINE, and a link to the form can be found at COBRA's website <http://www.cobra-blackford.org.uk/>. If you prefer to complete the enclosed survey form and require further copies, please either copy the form or obtain additional copies from the local collection points outlined below.

Closing date for survey responses will be **Friday 19th February 2010**. Completed questionnaires should be returned to the collection boxes at the following locations:

**Blackford:** Post Office, Moray Street      **Auchterarder:** Library, Chapel Wynd

**Dunning:** Post Office, Bridge of Earn Road      **Aberuthven:** Smiddy Haugh Hotel, Main Road

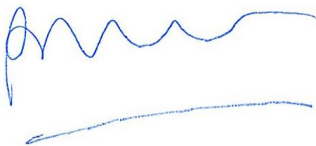
At the end of the survey period, COBRA will select 3 completed entries (online and paper-based) at random. Selected entries will receive one of :

- A meal for two at Gavin's Bistro, County Hotel, Perth with 2 tickets for the Just Laugh Comedy Club
- Two course meal for two donated by the Blackford Hotel, Blackford
- Bottle of Tullibardine John Black whisky donated by Tullibardine Distillery, Blackford.

Any queries related to the survey can be forwarded to my colleague Derek Walsh on 0141 222 6431 ([Derek.Walsh@aecom.com](mailto:Derek.Walsh@aecom.com)) during normal office hours.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully



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