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the campaign for sustainable transport

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Dear Mr Robertson

National Express East Coast proposals for December 2009

Transform Scotland is the Scottish national sustainable alliance. We campaign for a transport system less dependent on unsustainable modes such as the car, the plane and road freight, and more reliant on sustainable modes like walking, cycling, public transport, and freight by rail or sea.

With the above objectives in mind, we are anxious to see significant modal shift from air and car to train on the east coast routes south from Edinburgh. We believe that this will not only help to achieve a greater modal share for sustainable travel modes but also assist in achieving government climate change targets.

It appears to us that in the short-term this is best achieved by making optimum use of the available track capacity and so we welcome and support National Express East Coast's proposals.

In the medium- to longer-term we believe that it is essential to provide significant enhancements to the east coast route and would urge you to support such schemes.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Tetlaw
Chair, Transform Scotland

Transform Scotland is the national sustainable transport alliance, bringing together bus, rail and shipping operators, local authorities, national environment and conservation groups, businesses and local transport campaigns.