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Dear Alan,

Access for All – Barrhead and Cupar

I am pleased to inform you that the railway stations at Barrhead and Cupar have today been added to the list of stations to receive improvements through the Access for All funding stream.


The Railways for All Accessibility Strategy for Great Britain was launched by the Department for Transport in 2006 and describes what the railway industry is doing to improve access for disabled people. A key part of this Strategy is the Access for All finance targeted at improving the accessibility of stations and it has been agreed that under the scheme Network Rail will be able to spend up to £3.91m per annum on stations in Scotland. This investment is over and above commitments made in the franchise, the ongoing renewal of stations and major station improvements.

The Access for All Programme is a GB wide programme being project managed by Network Rail. The Programme's governance structure involves an Industry Steering Group, a Technical Policy Group and a Programme Group at GB level. Transport Scotland is actively involved in all of these forums. For each station development a Local Project Group will be convened which will include local stakeholders, and this will ensure that the Access for All funding is utilised in the most efficient manner in Scotland.

The key output from this Programme is to create an unobstructed and obstacle free 'accessible route' from at least one station entrance (usually the main one) and all drop-off points associated with that entrance, to each platform and between platforms served by passenger trains.

We will be maintaining up to date information on progress at each of the stations in the Access for All programme on both the Department for Transport and Transport Scotland's websites: www.dft.gov.uk/accesss and www.transportscotland.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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