POLICY NOTE

THE RAILWAY CLOSURE (EXCLUSION) (HAIRMYRES) ORDER 2025

SSI 2025/81

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 38(1)(c) of the Railways Act 2005. The instrument is subject to negative procedure

Summary Box

The purpose of the instrument is to exclude the relocation of Hairmyres train station from the statutory closure process as set out in The Railways Act 2005.

Policy Objectives

A statutory closure procedure applies where it is proposed to discontinue the use or operation of a railway station, see section 29 to 31 of the Railways Act 2005. The Scottish Ministers may, among other things, exclude a station from that statutory closure procedure by way of an order.

The purpose of this proposed SSI is to provide for such an exclusion from the statutory closure procedure in respect of the relocation of the railway station at Hairmyres by 600 metres. This relocation is part of the wider East Kilbride Enhancement Project which is electrifying the route as part of the Scottish Government commitment to decarbonise domestic passenger services.

It is *not* proposed that the railway station at Hairmyres will discontinue rather it is merely being relocated a distance of 600 metres.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 Compatibility

In accordance with section 23(2) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024, the Scottish Ministers certify that, in their view, the "The Railway Closure (Exclusion) (Hairmyres) Order 2025" is compatible with the UNCRC requirements as defined by section 1(2) of the Act.

EU Alignment Consideration

This instrument is not relevant to the Scottish Government's policy to maintain alignment with the EU.

Consultation

Consultation is not required under the Railways Act 2005 in relation to this SSI.

In relation to the policy decision to relocate train station at Hairmyres, local stakeholders including Hairmyres Hospital, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and South Lanarkshire Council were involved in discussions and planning with all parties welcoming the proposal and understanding the rationale. Public consultations were also undertaken by South Lanarkshire Council, in relation to the planning process for Hairmyres, and Network Rail, in relation to the wider East Kilbride Enhancement Project.

Impact Assessments

A Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment has been completed on the draft SSI and is attached.

No Equality Impact Assessment was carried out on the draft SSI as a Diversity Impact Assessment had previously been undertaken to inform the policy decision to relocate Hairmyres Station.

Financial Effects

The Cabinet Secretary for Transport confirms that no BRIA is necessary as the instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

Transport Scotland,
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