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Transport:

I feel that the train service to Glasgow should at least be half-hourly and the capacity of peak travel trains should be increased to allow everyone to be seated and to encourage the use of the service - standing all or part of the way puts off future users. Incidentally, a station is needed at Uplawmoor - even if it isn't in Ayrshire, the traffic generated would increase passenger use from/to Ayrshire. More trains should run through to New Cumnock.

The proposal to put in a virtual loop between Stewarton and Dunlop is vital and should go ahead without in any way being effected by Network rail policies, etc.

Cumnock is without a station, the New Cumnock stop is not convenient for commuters.

A local network for Kilmarnock would help reduce the existing and the future M road created traffic hold ups. A station to serve the Kay Park area and the use of the oil 'siding' to run trains into the 'Asda' area shopping centre would be popular and would ease congestion. The Safeway Store area could also be served by this line - local buses and dual use ticketing would make travel convenient and popular.

A Green Future

The system of Wildlife Sites established by the Scottish Wildlife Trust should be maintained and even reinforced through the recognition of the Ayrshire Biological Records centre run under the auspices of SWT.

Windfarms are a problem area, being both sustainable and detrimental as a visual pollutant.

The recycling initiatives should be further developed to increase the percentage of material reclaimed. Life cycle analysis of recyclable materials should ensure the most environmentally suitable options.

Rural Ayrshire

The natural environment should be protected and enhanced for its own value and for enhanced visual appearance - tourism linked, etc.

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