



# Gogar Interchange

## Response to Network Rail consultation

11th August 2009

1. We strongly support the Gogar train/tram interchange station.
2. We would suggest that an appropriate name for the station is Edinburgh West for Airport.
3. We believe that the station will be successful as an interchange but also has the potential to serve a number of additional markets which will significantly add to its value and serve to capture greater modal share for rail. In particular we believe that this represents a unique and one-off opportunity to create a transport hub to the west of Edinburgh that will create easy rail connections to much of Scotland.
4. The station should be designed to accept the longest inter-city trains now on the network and any future trains likely to run north and west of Edinburgh such as those procured via the IEP programme or for future High Speed Lines.
5. We believe that the station should serve the following markets:
  - 5.1 The primary function is to serve as an interchange between train and tram. For those leaving the train, swift and well signed access to the tram is required for onward journeys to the airport or intermediate tram stops to Haymarket. For those joining trains from the tram, a high quality passenger waiting environment with appropriate information, ticketing, toilet and refreshment facilities will be required. Many passengers will have come from the airport and will then be undertaking onward journeys across Scotland. Trains serving the station will be heading for numerous destinations including, central Scotland and Glasgow, Fife and routes north to Dundee, Aberdeen, Perth and Inverness and routes through Edinburgh to the south.
  - 5.2 There is a local catchment area around the station (including residential, commercial and retail properties) and good quality walking and cycling routes should be provided to the station.
  - 5.3 Critically, this development offers a unique opportunity to create park and ride facilities to capture motorists who would not travel into Edinburgh to take the train for longer distance journeys. These may be north to Dundee, Aberdeen and Inverness, west to Glasgow or routes to the south of Edinburgh via the East and West Coast Main Lines. The station will be sited off the Gogar roundabout which is served by the city by-pass. It should be seen principally as park and ride for those travelling away from Edinburgh and as such it has the potential to capture significant modal share for rail. We understand that land is available adjacent to the site for this facility.
  - 5.4 High quality bus interchange should be provided and this will allow transfer to buses for onward journeys to areas not served by tram and also to allow bus passengers to connect into onward rail travel.
  - 5.5 Provision for taxis will also be required for those arriving by train and wishing to access facilities not easily reached by tram and bus.

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