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Dear Susan

**Edinburgh Airport Rail Link**

I am writing to reiterate the Scottish Council for Development and Industry's support for the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link (EARL). The Edinburgh Airport Rail Link is a priority rail project for SCDI and it is believed that it would be a welcome addition to the Scottish rail network and will provide wide economic benefits over the longer term.

The proposal to link the airport into the existing national rail network is important. This will enable the airport link to benefit not only Edinburgh and the Lothians, but create a nationally important development that will provide benefits throughout Scotland.

EARL, as one of several high quality transport links to Edinburgh Airport, will result in effective connectivity, improved accessibility and a reduction in congestion.

A link using a station situated at the airport would also provide air travellers a full range of interchange possibilities of rail, bus and tram and see the airport develop into a transport hub.

It is SCDI's view, therefore, that EARL should be progressed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Yours sincerely

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