



## **South Sub: Halcrow report no great surprise**

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Dear Sir,

It is indeed disappointing (News, February 5) that the latest work by Halcrow on the prospects of re-introducing local passenger services on the South Sub. is negative in its conclusions. Given the tenor of the previous Halcrow report last year, however, this is not a great surprise.

What is more surprising is the variance with the study undertaken by Atkins of 2004.

These are two of the UK's leading transport consultancies, after all.

What's beyond dispute, however, is the fact that the South Sub. offers connectivity into and across the city with journey times that no other transport mode can deliver: 10 minutes from Morningside to Haymarket, 5 minutes from Portobello to Waverley, 9 minutes from Craigmillar to Morningside and 10 minutes from Newington to Gorgie - to name but a few options available to Edinburgh folk until the closure of the service in 1962.

It seems rather unfair that the Scottish Government refuses to fund improved mobility for the people of Abbeyhill, Bingham and Craigmillar while Edinburgh taxpayers are helping to bring renewed rail services to the people of Armadale, Blackridge and Caldercruix.

Such is the huge public support for the South Sub. amongst the many communities who would benefit from it and their political representatives of all parties and at all levels that one certain prediction is that this is one issue which will continue to feature in debates about improving Edinburgh's future transport provision.

Yours sincerely

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