

# JAMIE HEPBURN MSP

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## TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS FOR CENTRAL SCOTLAND

Having been elected for the Central Scotland region, Jamie immediately began working to develop a modern transport infrastructure for Central Scotland.

In his maiden speech to parliament on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, Jamie called on the new government to work with local authorities to upgrade local roads across Central Scotland. He cited the A803 which runs from Kilsyth to Falkirk and branded it “not fit for purpose.” Jamie went on to write to both North Lanarkshire and Falkirk councils to see what plans they have to improve the A803.

Jamie warmly welcomed the announcement by the Scottish government that the electrification of the Glasgow to Edinburgh railway line is of the highest priority. Jamie, commenting on the new government’s determination to improve public transport said “I am sure that the new government will continue to act swiftly and effectively to ensure Scotland has a transport network suitable for the twenty-first century.” Jamie also highlighted the benefits the upgrade would bring to those living in Polmont, Falkirk, Cumbernauld and other towns served by the line.

Jamie wrote to the Chief Executive of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Ron Culley, pressing him for a date for the completion of the upgrading of the car park at Croy station. Jamie made clear his objections to the suggestion that a charge would be levied for the use of the car park.

In other news upon hearing of proposed reductions to the First Bus X3 and X4 services serving Cumbernauld Jamie wrote to the Managing Director of First in Glasgow, Mark Savelli, voicing the concerns of the affected residents. The reduced evening services being proposed would be damaging to the local community cutting it off from Glasgow and Jamie also highlighted the increased journey times affecting the 36 route as a result of it being diverted through Seafar.



Above. Jamie helping the housing charity Shelter draw awareness to the lack of affordable housing in Scotland.

## Recognition for Bo’ness Museum

The Scottish Railway Preservation Society, based in Bo’ness was recently included in the Scottish Museum Council’s Recognition Scheme. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of June Jamie lodged a motion congratulating the society and wishing them the best for the future. The Bo’ness museum is dedicated to the advancement of Scotland’s railway heritage and houses the largest collection of locomotives, carriages, wagons and equipment in Scotland.

