

# Inverness Airport Dalcross Station

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# IAD history

- 1965 Station closed
- 1998 Discussions on reopening with HIAL
- 2004 Invernet II planning considers Dalcross P&R
- 2005 Consultation on Rail Priorities
- 2006 Network Rail RUS
- 2007 HITRANS Regional Transport Strategy
- 2008 STPR
- 2008 Planning permission granted
- 2009 Halcrow Economic Study Invernet II
- 2010 THC Local Transport Strategy Core Policy 8 The Council supports the delivery of projects identified within the Strategic Transport Projects Review including a new station at Dalcross
- 2012 Network Rail's Strategic Business Plan : Aberdeen to Inverness Rail Line Improvements Phase 1

2014 Transport Scotland's A2I GRIP3 Report

The project has three distinct output requirements:

- to improve the provision of commuting opportunities between Inverurie and Aberdeen and between Elgin and Inverness through the provision of a half hourly frequency and new stations at Kintore (near Inverurie) and Dalcross (near Inverness)
- to achieve an hourly service pattern between Aberdeen and Inverness
- to reduce overall end to end journey times to around 2 hours
- Phase One of the project seeks to deliver enhanced commuter services and the infrastructure to support the provision of two new stations before 2019.



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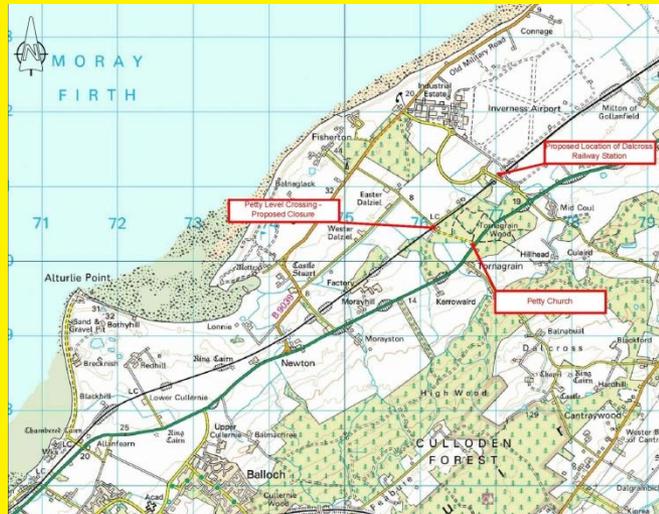
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# Dalcross (Petty) Level Crossing

- Network Rail confirmed in its CP5 Enhancements Delivery Plan (Dec13) that Dalcross (Petty) Level Crossing has to be closed to permit operation of the new station. It is also on th
- Dalcross is an Automatic Half Barrier Crossing (AHB). The crossing is actuated by the train striking a treadle in the track, with sufficient time at a regulated speed being allowed for the barriers to come down and lights to come on before the train passes.
- The new station has the effect of reducing train speeds over the crossing and increases risk of misuse as barriers are down for longer, hence the need for its removal.



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# Level Crossing Survey

- Network Rail engaged a consultant to carry out a survey of vehicles and pedestrians using Dalcross Level Crossing. An average of 62 vehicle movements and 6 pedestrian movements per day were observed in Mar 15, 71 vehicles, 8 pedestrians in July 15.
- The British Transport Police have highlighted misuse of the crossing, which can be seen at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAMXaLW7aJM>
- The Transport Assessment will identify the alternative routes users will have to take when the crossing is closed.



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# Next Steps

- Finalisation of Business Case and Transport Assessment
- Planning Application Notice
- Public Consultation
- Planning Application with level crossing closure as a planning condition
- Securing of local funding
- HITRANS funds NR to produce single option design for station
- Application to Scottish Stations Fund
- Possible opening 2017-18



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