

Support for automatic barriers to be installed at Brora and Dalchalm

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Councillor Deirdre Mackay has added her support to the call by the Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) for automatic barriers be installed at the crossings at Brora, and Dalchalm.

She said,

"I very much welcome the move to install physical barriers at the level crossings in Brora and at Dalchalm.

"It has been said that open level crossings are safe if used properly.

"However, over the past few years across the Highlands, we have witnessed horrific accidents involving multiple casualties which have brought this into question.

"Any impact between a vehicle and a train is likely to be devastating.

"Safety of the public is paramount and the layout, configuration and use of level crossings vary from location to location, so each one is essentially unique.

"I therefore welcome the Rail Regulator's findings and am pleased that efforts will be concentrated towards those crossings that are determined as presenting the greatest risk."

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