

## **STIRLING - ALLOA - KINCARDINE RAIL LINK**

### **Rail noise assessment**

- Clackmannanshire council, Transport Scotland and Network Rail have received complaints about noise disturbance since night time freight services began.
- Before the line reopened, it was assumed that there would be no freight trains at night. Noise mitigation measures were included in the design of the railway.
- In spring 2008 the Council became aware of a proposal to operate overnight freight services.
- Freight services began in mid-December 2008 and consultants monitored noise levels 24 hours a day during January 2009. The noise assessment report has been developed to World Health Organisation guidelines, and takes into account the frequency of noise occurrences.
- The Council has asked the freight operator to reduce night time freight services.

### **Noise mitigation (external measure to reduce noise from the railway)**

- Because of the relative infrequency of night time freight traffic only two sites exceed the recommended standard for night time noise mitigation.
- Two sites meet the criteria for daytime rail noise mitigation. One of these sites is to be reassessed because works have since been carried out at a near by level crossing to reduce noise.
- If you believe that the value of your property has been adversely affected by noise from the rail line you may submit a Part 1 claim under the Land Compensation (Scotland) Act 1973 to Network Rail as the infrastructure operator.

### **Noise insulation (individual measures for properties)**

- Different criteria apply to the provision of noise insulation measures. These are set out in the Noise Insulation (Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems) Regulations 1996. These do not apply in Scotland but are being followed voluntarily. The consultants report that no properties qualify for noise insulation.