

# EAST RENFREWSHIRE ACCESS PANEL ACCESS GUIDE AUDIT

## CLARKSTON RAILWAY STATION:

### **PARKING & EXTERNAL ACCESSIBILITY:**

Public car parking is provided at 2 locations – (i) Roof-top car park above the shops on Busby Road and (ii) on-street parking on Stamperland Drive. **However, neither is suitable for wheelchair users nor people with mobility problems** and there are no dedicated spaces for disabled drivers.

In the case of (i), access to the station is either by way of 22 steps and then 61m to station platform or by a steep vehicular ramp 57m in length, and in the case of (ii) access to the station is gained only by crossing the busy Strawhill Road ( a minimum distance of approximately 30m) and then by descending 18 steps, plus intermediate rest platforms.

**The only solution for disabled people** would be to be dropped off at the Busby Road entrance to the Station, whereby access to the Glasgow bound platform can be gained by a short footpath, without any steps.

### **CHANGING PLATFORMS:**

Passengers on the Glasgow bound route will have the problem on the return journey of exiting the Station, either by the 22 steps to Strawhill Road or by crossing the footbridge over the railway line.

**One solution** would be for passengers on the return journey to stay on the train until it turns round at East Kilbride and then getting off the train at Clarkston on the platform giving access to Busby Road. The consent of Scotrail is currently being sought by the Access Panel for this arrangement at no extra cost to passengers.

A new audit will be done soon as alterations to access have been done especially a new ramp to accommodate wheelchairs. A separate file shows this - 2006

