

CalMac Ferries Ltd
Timetable Feedback
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Feedback on Timetable

Q1. Route Ardrossan - Campbeltown

Q2. Are you satisfied with the content of last year's timetable?

- Yes, please proceed on this basis
 No, I'd like you to consider some changes

Changes to be considered

This section is only to be completed if you answered "No" to Q2.

1. Inclusion of Saturday afternoon or evening sailing from Ardrossan to Campbeltown then returning to Ardrossan;
2. Saturday morning sailing from Campbeltown to Ardrossan to be direct;
3. Guaranteed space for vehicles from Campbeltown on sailings calling at Brodick;
4. Additional sailings on specific dates outside of existing standard timetable;
5. Extension of season to include Easter and October holiday periods.

Q3. Please outline your request in more detail with specific and include clear justification

Examples: Amend 1300 sailing every Monday and Friday to 1500 to enable better connectivity with train to Glasgow which departs Oban at 1530;

1. A sailing from Ardrossan to Campbeltown then returning to Ardrossan on Saturday afternoons is proposed for consideration. Such a sailing could usefully mirror the Sunday afternoon sailing from Ardrossan to Campbeltown returning to Ardrossan. Such a sailing would benefit the timetable by enabling passengers to reach Campbeltown on a Saturday and enabling residents or visitors to Campbeltown and Kintyre to leave Campbeltown on a Saturday at a time during the afternoon or evening. The current Saturday sailing from Campbeltown allows those wishing to use the ferry to leave Kintyre to leave only at 7am. This limits attractiveness of the ferry, particularly for visitors to the area. It is considered that the addition of a Saturday afternoon sailing into and out of Campbeltown will benefit greatly the timetable, without significant disruption to Ardrossan-Brodick traffic.
2. Consideration should be given to amending the timetable to provide for the Saturday morning sailing from Campbeltown to Ardrossan to sail directly, rather than calling at Brodick. This would enable to ferry to leave Campbeltown around 0800, which would be beneficial for residents and visitors, while retaining connectivity with onward travel at Ardrossan.
3. Consideration should be given to mechanisms to ensure availability of vehicle space for those travelling from Campbeltown to Ardrossan on ferries calling at Brodick. There is the possibility that bookings made for the Brodick to Ardrossan leg of the route, which is served by an additional vessel, prevent vehicle access for those travelling from Kintyre, which has a significantly lower frequency of sailings. This matter of concern within the last timetable would be lessened or removed by reduction or removal of sailings from Campbeltown to Ardrossan calling at Brodick.
4. Consideration should be given to the opportunities to supplement the timetable by adding sailings on specified dates annually to enable ferry-based access to significant events in Campbeltown and Kintyre. Additional sailings from Campbeltown to Ardrossan on Mondays falling after events including the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival (August) and the Mull of Kintyre Run (MOKRun)

(May) would greatly benefit access to these events, and an additional sailing into Campbeltown on the Wednesday at the beginning of the Malts Festival (May) would support access to this event. Additional sailings for specified events, suitably marketed, would benefit these events and the local economy and environment, without significant impact upon other service provision.

5. Consideration should be given to extending the season for sailings to Campbeltown to bring the timetable into line with other summer services. It is noted that summer timetables for other services, including the Ardrossan to Brodick summer service which runs from 25th March to 23rd October, include the Easter and October holiday periods within the summer service. An equivalent provision of service on the Campbeltown to Ardrossan route would greatly benefit the service the local and visitor populations, while also bringing this timetable into line with others across the service benefitting customer understanding.

Please send your completed form to future.planning@calmac.co.uk. All forms should be submitted **no later than 9am on Monday 25th July.**

Feedback submitted after the closing date will not be considered.

Please submit a separate form for each route on which you wish to provide feedback.

Thank you for taking the time to respond. We will be in touch if we require any further information.