



# Retired Lines

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## Call for Scottish BTP merger “academic” says ACC

ACC (Scotland) David McCall has dismissed as “academic” the suggestion that BTP’s Scotland Area might be amalgamated into the proposed single Scottish Police Force.

The matter was raised by Scottish Justice Secretary, Kenny MacAskill, in a letter to the then Transport Secretary, Philip Hammond. The proposed 2013/2014 amalgamation of Scotland’s 8 existing forces resulted from a report by the Scottish

Parliament’s *Sustainable Policing Project Team* earlier this year. However, Mr McCall stated the the team neither considered the policing of the railways, nor consulted BTP about a possible merger.

ACC McCall also said that any merger would require primary legislation at Westminster, something that was very unlikely considering the proposed implementation date. He added that several enquiries had identified that the unified BTP were the best vehicle for policing Britain’s rail networks and that unless and until there was convincing evidence to the contrary, he could not support any such merger.

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### National Association For Retired British Transport Police Officers

## 18th Annual

## General Meeting

With Guest Speakers, will take place in Malvern Suite  
of the

**The Britannia Hotel**

**New Street, Birmingham**

on

**Tuesday 27th March 2012**

**at 1300 hrs.**

(Doors open at 1100 hrs - cash bar; food available)

Members wishing to attend should complete and return  
the form at the back of this issue of Retired Lines.