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Train fares increase not a good idea

Hi,

I'm emailing to put through my view on the proposed rail fare increase. As a regular commuter, I've seen the issues that have dogged the railway system, one after another in the past couple of years : lateness (at ever-increasing frequency at that); cancellations; and of course the staffing issues that caused such a hoo-ha last year, and which have rippled through to the decline in services. Seriously - how is a fare hike justifiable under the circumstances?

Besides, if the Government is wanting to encourage the use of public transport and to get cars off the road, this will only serve to achieve the opposite effect. PR is as low as it can get in the last several years, as it is.

In sum, a fare increase is not fair, and it is not a clever thing to do.

Why not come up with better ideas on how to increase productivity and efficiency than to penalise the customer? There are always other ways and better ones at that, to achieve the same thing, are there not?

Please reconsider.

Thank you kindly,
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