



Fares Fair!



No to South West Trains' unfair fares

On 20th May, 2007, South West Trains increased their off-peak fare from Winchester for travellers arriving in London between 10 a.m. and 12 noon by 18%.

While Winchester faced an 18.1% fare increase from £23.20 to £27.40, at stations where South West Trains face competition, such as Reading and Basingstoke, fares are staying unchanged or increasing by only 1.2%.

So far, Liberal Democrat MPs and campaigners have:

- **Launched a petition opposing the increases**
- **Written to South West Trains, the Secretary of State and the Rail Regulator asking them to reconsider the fare increases.**
- **Put forward an Early Day Motion (# 1461) in the House of Commons condemning the increase and pointing out that South West Trains has failed to make a business case justifying an increase of this size.**



This is a clear abuse of South West Trains' monopoly position. Although the fare increase has already been implemented, we intend to keep up the pressure on the Rail Regulator and the Government until they force South West Trains to reverse this unjustified increase.

Martin Tod
Winchester Liberal Democrats

Fares Fair! Petition

To: Secretary of State for Transport

We the undersigned believe the dramatic off-peak price increases of up to 20% planned by South West Trains for travellers arriving in London between 10 a.m. and 12 noon from May 20, 2007 onwards are unfair, unjustified and an abuse of monopoly power.

They also make no sense at a time when we need to be encouraging train use and reducing carbon emissions.

Our fares are already the most expensive in Europe. Further price hikes are the last thing we need.

We therefore call for action to ensure that these increases are reversed.

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Online:	http://www.faresfair.org.uk
Freepost:	Winchester Liberal Democrats, Freepost SO6234, Winchester, SO23 8UA
Or drop it in at:	Winchester Liberal Democrats, 13 City Road, Winchester, SO23 8SD

If you sign this petition the Liberal Democrats and their elected representatives may use the information you have provided to contact you from time to time about issues we think you may find of interest. Some of the contacts may be automated. You can opt out of some or all contacts at any time by contacting us. Printed, published and promoted by Winchester Liberal Democrats, 13 City Road, Winchester, SO23 8SD, 01962 622210.

Ways you can campaign against the increase:

Write to:

- **Customer Correspondence Team, Office of Rail Regulation,**
One Kemble Street, London, WC2B 4AN.
Fax: 020 7282 2040, Email: contact.cct@orr.gsi.gov.uk
- **Rt. Hon. Douglas Alexander MP, Secretary of State for Transport,**
Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DR,
Fax: 020 7944 4399, Email: douglas.alexander@dft.gsi.gov.uk
- **Tom Harris MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (responsible for railways)**
Fax: 020 7944 4521, Email: tom.harris@dft.gsi.gov.uk
- **Stewart Palmer, Managing Director, South West Trains,**
Friars Bridge Court, 41-45 Blackfriars Road, London, SE1 8NZ,
Fax: 020 7620 5177

Key facts to demonstrate South West Trains abuse of monopoly:

- **Winchester off-peak fare increase** - no competition - from £23.20 to £27.40 - 18.1%
- **Reading fare increase** - competing vs. First Great Western - from £13.00 to £13.00 - no change
- **Basingstoke fare increase** - competing vs. First Great Western - from £16.20 to £16.40 - 1.2%

Sign petitions, complete surveys or find out more:

- <http://www.faresfair.org.uk>
- <http://www.passengerfocus.org.uk/SWT>
- <http://www.passengerfocus.org.uk/swthikes>
- <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/regulatefares/>

Get the latest email news:

- Email: faresfair-subscribe@lists.libdems.org.uk

Some ways to beat the price hike:

(More complete information is available from www.passengerfocus.org.uk/swt)

If you don't have one already, buy a railcard - www.railcard.co.uk

- **Network Railcard.** For £20 you get a third off the price of your ticket for you and up to three other adults and up to 4 children for a year. They can be used after 10:00 Mondays to Fridays for journeys in the South East and at anytime on the weekends.
- **Young Person's Railcard:** for 16-25 year olds or students in full-time education.
- **Senior Railcard:** for passengers aged 60 or over.
- **Disabled Person's Railcard:** please see www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk for eligibility.
- **Family Railcard:** for one or two adults travelling with up to four children between the ages of 5 and 15, none of whom need to be related.

Travelling in a group? – use a 'GroupSave' ticket

- If you are travelling with others ask about 'GroupSave'. This enables 3 or 4 adults to travel for the price of 2. Up to 4 children aged 5-15 can also accompany the GroupSave party for just £1 each

Travel later:

- You can save a third by using a network card and travelling after 10.00 a.m.(on the 10:18).
- You can save a further 12% by catching the 10.54 and arriving in London after 12 noon.