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Campaigning pays off in Autumn Statement

Rail campaigners have given a cautious welcome to the Chancellor's autumn statement. "We welcome the postponement of the inflation-busting rail fare increases planned for next January, which is something we've been campaigning on, but it's only a postponement." said Bruce Williamson from the campaign group Railfuture "What happens in 2015? Meanwhile, by freezing fuel duty for motorists, the Chancellor is again showing that he treats the rail passenger unfairly compared to motorists. Rail fares will still go up by the RPI figure of 3.1% on average, with some fares going up by more than this. Yet in the real world, people's incomes haven't gone up by this amount and the government still claims that its preferred measure of inflation is the CPI figure, which is lower."

On Tuesday it was announced that London transport fares would also be limited to just 3.1%. "Again, we welcome this, and it shows that perhaps the powers that be are starting to listen to us" he added.