

# Andy McDonald response to Government rail proposals

**Andy McDonald MP, Labour's Shadow Transport Secretary**, responding to the Government's rail proposals, said:

"These flimsy re-announcements and un-funded proposals come as fares have risen at twice the rate of wages since 2010 and follow the decision to scrap hundreds of millions of pounds of promised rail investment.

"The Tories' record is of delayed, downgraded and cancelled investment, huge disparities in regional transport spending and soaring fares that are pricing passengers off our railways.

"The Government's failure stands in stark contrast to Labour's plans to upgrade and expand the rail network across the country, including re-opening branch lines, funded through the National Transformation Fund, to be run under public ownership with affordable fares for all."