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Green taxes should be used to promote more use of public transport

TravelWatch NorthWest (TWNW), the independent passengers champion in North Western England, welcomes today's report by the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee on green taxes.

The Select Committee says that the Treasury should start to rebuild trust in environmental taxes by ring-fencing some of the revenues raised from fuel duty to cut soaring train and bus fares.

Chris Dale, Chair of TWNW, commented –

“In general we have a good, convenient public transport network in the North West but travellers need as much incentive as possible to choose to use it and contribute to reducing carbon emissions. It makes good sense to ring fence the revenue from green taxes in this way and we trust the government will listen to the Select Committee's recommendations and regain public trust.”

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