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**Welcome to Virgin Trains scrapping Friday peak hour restrictions.**

TravelWatch NorthWest (TWNW), the independent Community Interest Company representing users of all forms of public transport in NW England, welcomes the recent announcement by Virgin Trains to permanently scrap evening peak ticket restrictions from Euston station.

We have long campaigned for this and are pleased that the trial from July this year has proved successful. TWNW Chairman, Chris Dale said “I have witnessed horrendous scenes at Euston after 19.00 when the restriction ended and am pleased that common sense has at last prevailed.”

If this action can be taken on busy Friday evenings then surely Mondays to Thursdays can receive similar treatment, thus saving passengers money and in Virgin’s own words “provide customers with more flexibility to travel when they want”. We look forward to this next stage as soon as possible.

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