



er and prospective MP Nick de Bois hands out leaflets to passengers

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# We just want a better ride

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A GROUP which says that train services in Enfield are infrequent and overcrowded has stepped up its campaign for a better ride.

Members of The Enfield Rail Campaign, a group spearheaded by Conservative activist Nick de Bois, were at Enfield stations this week handing out newsletters to commuters.

The group, which was set up in December 2005, has presented rail operator One with over 2,000 postcards calling for an increase in the frequency and capacity of services on two lines.

Mr de Bois, who regularly uses the Cheshunt to Liverpool Street line, said the campaign was

set up after some commuters had received written warnings after they had been late for work so often because of delayed trains.

He said: "The service, particularly on the Turkey Street and Southbury Line, is very unreliable.

"We are not asking for extra investment - they have all this rolling stock, and they have given us a semi-fast service in the past.

"People on this line get a raw deal.

"This particular line is at the bottom of their priorities and we are trying to do something about that."

A spokeswoman for train company One said: "The number of carriages on our West Anglia route, including those for Enfield services, have not been

reduced."

She said that all 312 One trains were "fully utilised" and added: "We are discussing future needs with the Department for Transport following their announcement to fund the provision of additional carriages across the rail network, in order to meet future increased capacity.

"We are operating all of the timetable services that we are specified to do so within our franchise contract, and the timetable itself is designed to meet the needs of the vast majority of passengers.

"We welcome positive dialogue with our rail passengers and stakeholder groups in helping us to shape our services to meet future needs and aspirations."

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