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There's something fishy about crowded train protest

A SARDINE boarded the Barnsley train to Leeds to highlight overcrowding and said: "I'm fished off!"

The fish in a business suit boarded the train with commuters and stood up for the journey to Leeds in solidarity with travellers who have to endure the sixth most crowded trains in Britain.

According to environmental pressure group Transport 2000 - which staged the wacky stunt - the Barnsley to Leeds service is 57 per cent over capacity, and the 7.14am Sheffield to Leeds train is 53 per cent above capacity, the seventh worst in the country.

Transport 2000, whose president is Sheffield's Michael Palin, is blaming the Government for failing to invest in the railways.

Vanessa Bulkacz, who bombed the sardine suit, said: "We are calling for more government investment. We want longer platforms and more carriages. It is expensive but in many cases the money is already there. It's a matter of allocation and using it more efficiently."

"Passengers are enthusiastic about the campaign, they want to see the big fish."



Making waves: Vanessa Bulkacz dressed as a sardine to highlight the plight of rail passengers on trains from Barnsley to Leeds