

Copy Email from Laura Watts

Hi Carole.

I hope you're well and had a nice Easter.

I kept a diary of available seats and standing passengers on my commute to and from London over the past 4 weeks. It makes for pretty boring reading but I thought it might be of interest/use to you so I've copied it below.

All the best,
Laura
Train log

04/03

8.37 from pitsea. Front carriage - 1 seat available on leaving Pitsea. Alighted at West Ham.
18.46 from Fenchurch Street. 0 seats available upon leaving FS. 15 people standing. Alighted at pitsea along with 7 other passengers from the back carriage. 4 passengers remaining on that carriage.

05/03

08.37 from Pitsea. 2nd carriage from front - 12 seats available as leaving Pitsea. Upon leaving Upmminster - seats full & 16 people standing.
20.40 from Fenchurch St. Back carriage. 26 seats available. 6 more people joined carriage at Limehouse.
Alighted at Pitsea, along with 8 others from carriage. 7 left on carriage as it departed Pitsea.

06/03

08.37 from Pitsea. Front carriage. 0 seats available & 1 person standing on leaving Pitsea. Alighted at West Ham.
18.27 from Fenchurch St. Back carriage. 0 seats available upon leaving Fenchurch. 20 standing.
Alighted at Pitsea along with 18 others from the back carriage.

07/03

08.51 from Pitsea. 2nd carriage from front. 6 seats available & 4 people standing.
Stayed in London, didn't get train home.

08/03

Morning didn't get train.
20.10 back carriage. No seats on leaving Fenchurch. Many more joined at West Ham & on leaving there all seats were full & 15 standing.

Week 2

11/03

08.37 from Pitsea. Front carriage. 11 seats available but 1 person standing on leaving Pitsea. On leaving Basildon - 0 seats available & 2 people standing. Alighted at West Ham
Tried to join 18.18 from West Ham. Train full & numerous people left waiting on platform for alternative service. Moved along entire platform trying to get on.
Eventually boarded 18.36 service (delayed to 18.39). Joined 3rd carriage from the back as back 2 full. In this carriage 0 free seats 28 people standing.

12/03

No trains since 07.30

08.20 delayed by 57 minutes.

Got on the delayed 08.35 which departed at 08.55. 2nd Carriage from front. Carriage at half capacity on leaving Pitsea but due to severe delays many commuters simply went home. Train was supposed to go to Fenchurch St but was terminated at Barking at 09.50, had to get district line to mile end.

17.51 from Fenchurch St. 0 seats & 28 standing on leaving Fenchurch. Alighted at Pitsea along with 19 others from that carriage.

13/03

Joined the 8.45 from Laindon. 2nd carriage from front. 9 seats available on leaving Laindon. 3 standing. Alighted at West Ham.

19.40 from Fenchurch St. Back carriage-0 seats available & 24 standing. Alighted at Pitsea along with 14 others from that carriage.

14/03

08.37 cancelled. 8.51 delayed to 8.54. Front carriage. 39 people standing on leaving pitsea, another 13 joined at Basildon.

Stayed in London - did not get train PM

15/03

AM - did not get train

22.10 delayed. Departed 22.17 Back Carriage 8 seats available.

Week 3

18/03

AM - did not get train.

20.10 from Fenchurch St. Back Carriage- 11 seats available.

19/03

08.37 from Pitsea. 2nd carriage from front. 7 seats available on leaving Pitsea but 1 person standing.

23.40 from Fenchurch St. 2nd carriage from back. 25 seats available.

20/03

08.37 from Pitsea. 2nd carriage from front. 14seats available. 2 people standing.

PM Stayed in London - didn't get train.

21/03

AM Didn't get train

22.10 from Fenchurch St. Back carriage 13 seats available

22/03

08.51 2nd carriage from front 6 seats available on leaving Pitsea & 1 person standing.

00.25 (22/03) from fenchurch St 2nd carriage from back 12 seats available on leaving Fenchurch.

Week 4

25/03

08.37 from Pitsea. Front carriage. 4 seats available on leaving Pitsea. 0 seats available & 7 standing on leaving Basildon.

18.00 from Fenchurch St. Back carriage. 5 seats available but 3 people standing on leaving Fen St. 11 people plus myself alighted from back carriage at Pitsea.

26/03

08.37 from Pitsea. Front carriage. 6 seats available & 1 person standing.

18.27 from Fenchurch St. 3rd carriage from back. 0 seats and 14 standing on leaving Fenchurch. Alighted at Westcliff 26 people on the carriage when pulling into Westcliff.

27/03

08.37 3 seats available and 1 person standing on leaving Pitsea. front carriage.

21.10 from Fenchurch. Back carriage. 14 seats available, 3 people standing. Myself & 11 others alighted from back carriage at Pitsea.

28/03

08.37 from Pitsea. Front carriage, 14 seats available, 2 people standing. (day before bank holiday & Easter Holiday starts - possible reason for unusual emptiness).

17.35 from Fenchurch St. 2nd carriage from back. 0 seats available on leaving Fenchurch. 13 people standing. 11 plus myself alighted from that carriage at Pitsea.