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RUSH-HOUR CRUSH

Love (well, lust) is all around us, as is proven by the messages left by our commuter cupids. Are they talking about you?

To the cute blonde girl who changes for the Piccadilly line at Green Park every morning and has a black rucksack with eyes on it. You're gorgeous. Fancy being Tall Guy In Red Coat late for work?

To the gorgeous girl who got off at Tooting Bec on the Northern line at 10.37pm. We looked at each other about a dozen times but that's as far as my courage goes. Would you give me a chance to have another look? Tired-Looking Guy With A Tap Out Hat

To the hot-chocolate hottie I sat next to on the Jubilee line on Saturday. You wrote 'smile :)' on the notepad app on your phone when you noticed I was glancing over to see what you were listening to. You made my day. Anon

To the tall stunner with the chocolatebrown hair and tall riding boots. You got off at Highbury & Islington with your make-up case. I'd be 'made up' to have dinner with you. Mischievous Jo

Tell us about your rush-hour crush. Send an email to crush@ukmetro.co.uk

N response to the story about rising temperatures across the globe (Metro, Mon), I don't approach and preach the subject of climate change in the evangelistic manner as some do. However, I do understand that each of us has a responsibility to maintain the ecological balance of our planet.

Short of replacing all fossilfuelled transport and machinery with wind, solar or hydropowered alternatives - which feels like a pipe dream right now - everyone must actively reduce the emissions they are responsible for.

The human population has grown to more than 7billion in the mere blink of an eye. When will people realise that having more than two children will continue to cause this rise that in turn increases our harmful emissions and continues the vicious cycle that is destroying the world we live in? Andy Whittle, Leeds

■ I agree with James Moore's

comments about people having fewer babies in order to reduce CO2 levels (Metro, Tue). Most of our environmental issues would be solved or at least made better with fewer people. Do those who want to have so many children not care about the world their offspring will have to live in? The solution is simple and is

one everyone can be part of. If you're planning a family, don't have more than two children. If you already have two or more, give the ones vou have the best possible future by not having any more. If you want a large family, do it via adoption. That way, everyone wins.

Jean Norton, West Sussex

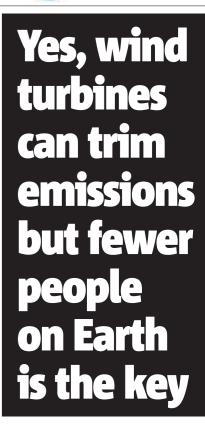
■ Unlike James Moore, I do not accept that procreation is a human right. I resent having this planet polluted and overburdened by over-breeders and I don't think my taxes should be put towards free fertility treatment for those who cannot conceive.

I was pilloried years ago for deciding to remain child-free, at least in part because I realised the last thing the planet needed was any addition from me. I thought then, and believe even more now, that I was truly forward-thinking. Val, London

In response to James Moore's plan to reduce the global population through a birth cessation programme', it's worth highlighting the excessive consumption of resources.

This consumption is driven by the greed of capitalism and the consumerist culture, which drives us to crave material goods that add little true value to our lives. If societies had a radical culture overhaul, even a large population could live sustainably on this planet.

Of course, large corporations would never allow a change to a fairer system because they would lose their profits and power over us. Astrid Shapiro, Hertfordshire



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