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HS2 has said that its trains will be powered by zero-carbon energy from day one of operation.

It says this will offer a cleaner alternative to long-distance car journeys and domestic flights while supporting the government's 2050 target to tackle climate change.

The initiative will play an important part in HS2's aim to make the whole project net zero carbon from

2035. This will be assisted by targets for diesel-free construction sites and major reductions in carbon emissions from the steel and concrete used to build the railway.

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London Underground workers have voted to strike in a dispute over jobs, pensions and conditions.

An article on the BBC website says the RMT Union said 94 per cent of its members who took part in a ballot backed industrial action.

The dispute involves about 10,000 RMT members and is separate to the row over rosters on the Night Tube.

London Underground bosses say new plans will not result in job losses and they are working to avoid strikes.

The UK Government is working with disability charity Scope to deliver a new Disabled Persons Passenger Charter.

The charter sets out disabled passengers' rights regarding rail, bus, coach, taxi and private hire use.

Passengers will get a range of information for travelling across England and, crucially, be given guidance on what to do if things do not go as expected.

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Archaeologists working on the HS2 route have discovered how an Iron Age village in Northamptonshire developed into a wealthy Roman trading town.

An article in the Evening Standard says evidence found during a dig of the site near the village of Chipping Warden has shown how the settlement, believed to have been established in about 400 BC when it was made up of more than 30 roundhouses, expanded during the Roman era in the years around 300-400 AD, with new stone buildings and new roads emerging.

The site, known as Blackgrounds after the black soil found there, is one of more than 100 to have been examined by archaeologists between London and Birmingham since 2018, with experts saying it turned out to be "one of the most impressive".

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