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Work on the East Kilbride and Barrhead Electrification Project has moved a step closer.

The scheme has been developed by Transport Scotland and Network Rail and will pass through East Renfrewshire and South Lanarkshire to the south of Glasgow.

Construction work is expected to get underway on the £63 million Barrhead corridor in April 2022 and due

to be complete by December 2023.

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Domestic flights should be banned and long-distance train fares subsidised, transport campaigners have urged, highlighting the relative environmental and financial costs of air and rail travel.

The article in The Guardian says the Campaign for Better Transport (CBT) called on ministers to outlaw internal UK flights if an equivalent train journey took less than five hours and to resist calls for any cut in air passenger duty.

Mandatory emissions labels on tickets and a frequent flyer levy should also be introduced, the charity said.

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The installation of a new canal bridge has marked a major milestone in the £56 million redevelopment of University railway station in Birmingham.

Spanning the Worcester & Birmingham Canal, the bridge links the new station to the University of Birmingham campus and will be crossed by thousands of passengers a day when it opens next summer.

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People up and down Britain can now vote for their favourite railway stations this week as the 2021 World Cup of Stations kicks off.

The summer of sport only whetted the country's appetite for the rail industry's much anticipated tournament, which sees 48 stations qualify for the Twitter poll, with the chance to receive the coveted 2021 World Cup of Stations title.

Over 1,200 nominations for 250 stations were received and now 48 qualifiers go into the 12-group play offs.

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