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There are fears that the Great British Railways (GBR) project may be put on hold, according to inside sources.

An article from the Yorkshire Post reports a spokesperson for the Prime Minister said they were "not aware" that plans had changed for the project but was not able to confirm whether the location of the headquarters would still be announced this year as planned.

Sources told the i newspaper over the weekend that work on the project had stalled, prompting fears over its future. The Department for Transport was contacted for comment.

Plans have been revealed for vital upgrades to Liverpool Street station as part of a new sustainably developed office, retail and leisure scheme with new public and green spaces.

Sellar, MTR and Network Rail are working closely with key stakeholders including Transport for London and the Hyatt, owners of the Andaz hotel adjacent to the station, to bring forward plans for the £1.5bn project.

The scheme would aim to create a world-class transport hub and landmark seven-day-a-week destination, delivering a new retail and leisure hub for visitors, passengers, and the local community.

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Proposals have been submitted for a new railway station to be built on the Blackpool to Preston line, an article from the BBC reports.

The proposed Cottam Parkway station, between Lea and Cottam will aim to improve travel connections to Preston, Blackpool, Manchester and further afield.

Blueprints for the station have been submitted to Lancashire County Council, and County councillor Charlie Edwards said the application was a big step forward in delivering the station.

Finally, a piece of Bolton's railway heritage could be revived to become one of the country's most historic sites.

The Bolton News reports a motion is set to go before Bolton Council to designate the historic Bolton and Leigh Railway Route as a 'Heritage Action Zone.'

The title would make the route eligible for Historic England investment, making it more attractive for



visitors and promoting economic growth in the area.

The motion will also discuss plans for the celebration of the bicentennial of Bolton's railway heritage in 2025 which could include new displays at Bolton Museum and enhanced platform signs at Bolton and Horwich Parkway stations.

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