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ScotRail has announced plans to close three ticket offices and cut the opening hours of nearly all its others.

An article in the Daily Record says Union bosses criticised the move, claiming it will make railways “less safe”.

Scotland’s main train operator said there would be no redundancies, with staff redeployed to help tackle fare dodging instead.

It said ticket offices had seen business halved over the last 10 years as more passengers bought tickets at machines and online.

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Cambridge South railway station will be a “game-changer” but must meet “high standards” on biodiversity, South Cambridgeshire District Council has said.

An article in the Cambridge Independent said confirming its response to the public inquiry on Network Rail’s plans, the council’s cabinet said that it supported the scheme in principle but called for more protection for nature and trees during its construction.

The station is due to be built on Cambridge Biomedical Campus by 2026 to serve the hospitals, research institutes and businesses on site and ease congestion.

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The South West could get more freight terminals to help reduce the number of lorries on our roads as part of efforts to increase rail travel.

An article on Greatest Hits Radio says transport bosses – across the region – are close to completing a strategy which would see a number of stops created where items could be loaded and unloaded across Devon, Somerset and Cornwall.

The Rail Peninsula Task Force – which is a network of councils in the region – says they’re now working with the rail industry to ensure the plans are workable.

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A pilot programme to inspire young people to consider a career in rail has been hailed as a great success.

Network Rail and The Talent Foundry worked with four schools and 80 pupils on the Track to the Future initiative.

The aim was to provide pupils with a unique insight into the day-to-day workings of Network Rail, profiling both the project management and the technological side of the industry in the process.

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