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Train drivers are “very close” to going on strike and could walk out within weeks, according to their union.

An article on the BBC website says drivers at eight rail companies voted on Monday in favour of industrial action in a row over pay.

Mick Whelan, general secretary of Aslef, told the BBC that strike action could happen in the coming weeks

if talks over wage rises stall.

Separately, about 2,500 members of the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association (TSSA) also voted in favour of strike action on Monday.

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Train tracks on a London line near Battersea burst into flames as the UK-wide heatwave continue.

An article on City A.M says fire services were called and a London train service was paused after flames engulfed the wooden beams on a track in South London on Monday.

Managing Director of Southeastern Railway, Steve White, took to social media to share a picture of the incident, thanking "the London Fire Brigade for responding promptly to a lineside fire this morning and allowing services to safely resume to Victoria".

Homes England and Network Rail, supported by JLL, have officially launched the procurement process for the development partner on the York Central scheme.

An article on the Insider Media Limited say the Selection Questionnaire phase (Stage 1) of the tender process for the brownfield regeneration project is now live.

JLL's Development team will support the public sector partners through the procurement process, inviting prospective development partners to respond to the Selection Questionnaire through Pro Contract.

It is what Network Rail is describing as a "step change" for the Transpennine Route Upgrade: the first miles of new electric overhead wires on a mainline in Yorkshire for over 25 years are now up.

This monumental scheme – initially working its way from York to Church Fenton – is set to re-energise train travel for passengers across the north of England. It's the first step towards a cleaner, greener, fully electrified railway between York, Leeds, Huddersfield and Manchester.

When finished, across the full 76-mile route, train users will be helping to save up to 87,000 tonnes of carbon emissions each year – the same as 5.9 million car journeys.

It will also mean better air quality and quieter trains for people living near the railway.

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