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The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) has issued approvals for all the Elizabeth line stations – with the exception of Bond Street – confirming the stations and infrastructure meet the requirements for passenger use.

Abbey Wood, Canary Wharf, Custom House, Farringdon, Liverpool Street, Paddington, Tottenham Court Road, Whitechapel and Woolwich stations have all been given the green light and issued with authorisations.

Bond Street has been given the go-ahead only for safe evacuation procedures, as it will open for passengers later than the rest of the line.

ORR has also authorised the overall routeway for the Elizabeth line's track and tunnel infrastructure, to allow trains to run through the central section.

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Network Rail has been fined £1.4 million for a health and safety breach after an investigation by the Office of Rail and Road (ORR).

ORR found failings that led to a worker being crushed between the conveyor of a 25 tonne 'Superboss' ballast distributor and Kubota people carrier.

The worker suffered catastrophic and life-changing injuries to his legs and spine.

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Work to transform Hartlepool station has reached a major milestone now plans for the redevelopment have been officially submitted and the first pictures of the overhauled station have been revealed.

Tees Valley Combined Authority says Hartlepool station is the busiest single-platform station in the UK and the third-biggest station in the region. Before the pandemic, it welcomed up to 650,000 passengers per year.

The project will see the station's redundant second through-platform brought back into use. The intention is that this will open up capacity and unlock the potential for a future growth in services. Meanwhile, new lifts and a footbridge will be installed to provide access to the platform.

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HS2 Ltd has announced its first completely diesel-free site is the Canterbury Road Vent Shaft site in South Kilburn, where HS2's civils contractor Skanska Costain STRABAG joint venture (SCS JV) have introduced a range of diesel-free technologies and greener equipment.

Earlier this year, HS2 Ltd announced that the project aims to be net-zero carbon from 2035, with the target of achieving its first diesel-free construction site in 2022, and all of its construction sites being diesel-free by 2029.

Innovations on this site include one of the UK's first 160 tonne emissions-free fully electric crawler cranes; the use of biofuels to power plant and machinery on site; an electric compressor; and access to mains power on a 100 per cent renewable energy tariff.

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