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The cost of travelling on a shuttle service 1.4 miles (2.2km) between a railway station and airport has been defended.

The article on the BBC website says Luton Direct Air-Rail Transit (Dart) links Luton Airport Parkway station to the London Luton Airport terminal.

Single fares will be £4.90 – more than double the cost of the bus journey.

Graham Oliver, chief executive of Luton Rising, which owns the airport, said: “Per mile of course it looks expensive, but its value is huge.”

The £19 billion Elizabeth line will not run any direct trains between each end of the network when the final full timetable is launched in May, MailOnline can reveal today.

An article on the Mail Online said the two far end points of the line in Reading and Shenfield will not be connected by through trains – with passengers instead having to change in the central section.

The line will continue to run from Reading and Heathrow to Abbey Wood, as it has done since last November, and also now from Shenfield to Heathrow in May.

TfL told MailOnline this was because of very low demand for journeys between the eastern and western sections of the line, based on customer journey patterns. It added that there were never plans for trains to run direct from Shenfield to Reading.

Testing of a new approach to tunnelling has moved a step closer after the firm leading the work has secured £25,000 in funding for feasibility studies.

An article on New Civil Engineer says the grant gained by hyperTunnel, which aims to deliver tunnelling 10 times faster than conventional techniques, is one of 24 extended by the new Global Centre of Rail Excellence (GCRE), which is currently under construction in Wales.

hyperTunnel will use the funding to prove its speed claims and demonstrate that the approach is also up to 50 per cent more economical than current cut-and-cover construction techniques.

To mark 50 incredible years as an iconic heritage railway, the North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR), has announced an anniversary campaign gifting 50 family passes to lucky finders of its special Golden Tickets.

Launching on 13th March, alongside its daily services going live, families should keep their eyes peeled for news on how to claim one of the limited-edition golden tickets; clues and updates will appear in local Yorkshire newspapers, radio stations and across the NYMR’s social media channels.

Chris Price, chief executive officer at the NYMR, said: “This year is a momentous one for everyone at the NYMR, our volunteers, our visitors and the heritage railway sector.”

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