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A £152 million line between Portishead and Bristol has been given final approval by Mark Harper.

The plans, supported by the West of England Combined Authority (WECA), will bring back the disused rail line, and include the building of a new station at Portishead, which has been cut off from the network since the line was closed to passengers in 1964.

Councillor Huw James, who represents Portishead South took to Twitter to share this thoughts, saying: “My absolute joy to hear that the government has finally agreed to act as a guarantor for the Portishead Line. We’re back on track!”

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Energy company Drax is investing in 30 new rail wagons to deliver biomass needed to generate enough renewable power for four million UK homes at its North Yorkshire power station.

An article on Insider Media Limited says Drax’s fleet of 225 rail wagons were designed and developed by Lloyd’s Register Rail (now Ricardo Rail) and freight wagon manufacturer WH Davis, based in Mansfield.

The design of the new wagons has increased the amount of biomass able to be transported in each by 30 per cent, allowing them to carry 71.6 tonnes of biomass each, reducing the number of rail journeys required and reducing supply chain emissions.

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Network Rail Telecom (NRT) has joined forces with Network Rail’s IT Services division, to become a combined team, IT and Telecom (IT & T) Services.

Bringing together these two technology-rich disciplines with complimentary capabilities is a natural fit and will allow greater collaboration within the organisation.

It is hoped that it will enable the team to deliver a simpler and more efficient suite of technology solutions and associated innovation.

Leading the new team is Simon Goodman, chief information officer.

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The top 10 most-hit railway bridges in Britain have been revealed, with a new “winner” of the dubious honour in 2021-22.

An article on Cambridgeshire Live says each of the bridges to make the list had been hit at least 10 times in the year to the end of March, said Network Rail.

Stonea Road bridge near Manea in Cambridgeshire suffered the most frequent damage, being hit 33 times in just 12 months.

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