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Transport for London (TfL) has unveiled a new Tube map showing the first major expansion of the network this century.

The map features two new stations which make up the Northern line extension in south London. From around 5.30am next Monday (20 September), trains will begin serving Nine Elms and Battersea Power Station.

Evening Standard reports the estimated final cost of extending the Northern line from Kennington to be £1.1 billion. The new services mark the first major expansion of the London Underground network since the Jubilee line was opened in the late 1990s.

The amount of diesel pollution on some new trains is 13 times higher than on one of central London's busiest roads, a new report has found.

The report from the Rail Safety Standards Board (RSSB) on six types of train found that air quality levels on some diesel-fuelled trains was poorer than desired.

The Guardian reported that passengers travelling onboard a Great Western Railway service from London to Bristol were subject to huge spikes in nitrogen dioxide pollution, with levels 13 times greater than those recorded on London's Marylebone Road.

Following the findings, the Department for Transport, which funded the research, has commissioned a review of all regulations and standards which control air pollution and people's exposure to it on the rail network to improve air quality on trains and at stations as quickly as possible.

ScotRail has announced the £14.5 million redevelopment of Motherwell Railway Station is to enter its third phase.

The redevelopment's main contractor, Balfour Beatty, will focus on the extension of the forecourt and internal concourse of the station, which are set to be completed in spring 2022, Project Scotland reports.

Once complete, the entire project will deliver an enhanced station forecourt and building with glazed roof, with upgraded customer and staff facilities, including new retail space, refurbished toilets and better access for pedestrians, cyclists and taxis.

The fashion, uniforms and machines of the wartime years will be on display this weekend with the return of North Norfolk Railway's 1940s heritage event for the first time since the pandemic.

The open-air event, hosted at Holt, Weyborne and Sheringham heritage stations, will bring a weekend of musical entertainment, costumed characters, military encampments, vintage fashion, historic vehicles and much more to conjure up the atmosphere of the decade.

North Norfolk General Manager Andrew Munden said he was thrilled to be relaunching the event, which will include three steam locomotive services, to once again bring the 'Blitz spirit' to the district.

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