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The Government has again delayed the launch of its plan for Northern Powerhouse Rail and HS2 until at least September, in a move branded “unacceptable” by Sheffield City Region Mayor Dan Jarvis.

The article features in Yorkshire Live which says the Integrated Rail Plan was supposed to be published in winter last year but has now been delayed until after Parliament’s summer recess ending on September 6, according to a newly-released report for next week’s Transport for the North board meeting.

A Department for Transport spokesman said the plan will be published “in due course”.

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Work on the eastern leg of the High Speed Two rail line has stopped, the project's chief executive has admitted.

An article in The Chronicle says officials are busy preparing plans to extend the HS2 line north west to Manchester, but they have been told by the Department for Transport to halt work on the planned section between Birmingham and the East Midlands, and onwards to Leeds.

HS2 Chief Executive Mark Thurston said: "We wait to be guided by the Department on what we do with the eastern link."

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Network Rail is getting underway with a £3.3 million project to upgrade Barry Station with lifts and a brand-new footbridge

For the first time ever, passengers using the busy station will have step-free access across platforms 2 and 3, and more enjoyable journeys with a brand-new footbridge being installed in place of the old one.

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The North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR) is spearheading a new nationwide campaign to raise awareness of the many heritage railways across the UK, collaborating with over 35 other organisations from as far afield as Cornwall, Suffolk, North Wales, North East Scotland and Northern Ireland.

'Love Your Railway' is a six-week summer campaign from July 26th to September 5th, which aims to shine a spotlight on not only the important work heritage railways do with regards to conservation, education and research, but highlight how they have all been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of reduced capacities and income.

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