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The biggest national rail strike in 30 years begins today.

About 40,000 rail workers are involved in the industrial action over pay, job security and safety. About 10,000 RMT members are also striking on the London Underground over pensions and job losses.

The news features in several of the national newspapers. The Metro describes it as travel misery this

morning with eerily deserted stations.

Around 80 per cent of services have been cancelled, leaving some stations barred shut and virtually no people inside on the first of three days of strikes this week.

Meanwhile the Mail Online says the websites of National Rail, Transport for London and Chiltern Railways have all crashed today as desperate commuters try to get to the office.

The Mail also reports that several Labour MPs ignored leader Keir Starmer's order not to join the picket lines.

The Independent says transport secretary Grant Shapps said there was not even a "one in a million" chance he could have helped prevent disruption.

Strikes will also go ahead on Tuesday and Saturday this week.

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Plans to reopen a railway station in County Durham, which would provide links to employment sites such as Teesside Freeport, have taken a step forward.

An article on Insider Media Limited says Durham County Council submitted a proposal last year to reopen Ferryhill Station after the government allocated £500 million to restore railways and reconnect communities, providing feasibility funding for 38 rail proposals across three rounds, from nearly 200 submissions.

The scheme has now been revealed as one of nine projects to progress to the next stage of the programme.

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**HS2 Ltd** has been granted planning permission by Birmingham City Council for two viaducts which will take the new high speed railway into Curzon Street Station in the city centre.

Curzon Viaduct No.3 and Lawley Middleway Viaduct are part of the Curzon Street Station Approach area, which is made up of four connected viaducts between Duddeston Junction Viaduct and Curzon Street Station in central Birmingham.

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