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Future contracts for London transport schemes which support jobs across the country are at risk without long-term funding from the government, the capital's mayor is warning.

That's according to an article in the Evening Standard, that says Sadiq Khan is visiting the Siemens Mobility facility, where half the 94 new Piccadilly line Tube trains are due to be built, in Goole in East Yorkshire.

The trains, which passengers will see from 2025, will improve frequency, reliability and capacity on the line, replacing the previous 1970's fleet.

A heritage railway said it is changing some of its operations in a bid to conserve coal amid the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

An article on the BBC website says the Severn Valley Railway said, like others across the country, it was struggling to source new coal supplies

It said these difficulties were being “compounded” because of the conflict.

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The first new rails have been laid on the £116.6 million Levenmouth Rail Link project which will reconnect the town to the mainline passenger network for the first time in more than half a century.

Extensive preparatory activity around Thornton Junction to the west of the route has led to an early opportunity to put down the first new sections of rail on the project that will eventually see 19km of double track installed to create the branch line.

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Forty two towns and cities across the length and breadth of the country have thrown their hat into the ring to become the new home of Great British Railways (GBR).

The deadline for expressions of interest passed on Wednesday 16 March, with applications received from the north, south, east and west of the country.

In February, locations across the country with strong historical links to the railway were encouraged to make the case for why they should be the new home of GBR.

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