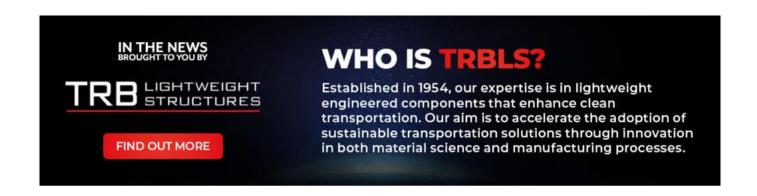


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A High Court judge has granted an injunction spanning the entire route of planned high-speed rail link HS2, intended to block activists from blocking construction work.

An article on i news says on Tuesday, Mr Justice Julian Knowles granted an injunction applying to 60 named defendants as well as "persons unknown" barring them from entering or remaining on HS2 land, deliberately obstructing or interfering with vehicles, equipment or people accessing the land, and interfering with any fence or gate at the perimeter.

The injunction does not prevent anyone from accessing public rights of way or private rights on the land, however.

Rail services to and from London continue to be impacted on Wednesday morning by damage to overhead wires that has caused disruption since the Queen's funeral on Monday.

An article on the ITV website says issues at Stevenage and Hayes & Harlington are causing problems for services through London Kings Cross, Paddington and Moorgate.

Affected passengers are being warned that services through Stevenage will remain disrupted – including with 50 minute delays and cancellations – for the rest of Wednesday.

Record high inflation could wipe out more than £11 million from plans to invest in public services in the West of England.

An article on the BBC website says it could impact huge projects like reopening railways, upgrading bus services and building new cycle lanes, a council report says.

There is likely about £11.6 million less "headroom available" in the investment fund of the West of England Combined Authority (Weca).

This cash will instead be spent on meeting the increasing costs.

Details of how inflation is impacting Weca's projects were published in recent committee paper, the Local Democracy Reporting Service (LDRS) said.

The £24 million development of a new Dudley Interchange station has achieved another major milestone after securing full planning permission.



Partners in the scheme, Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) and Dudley Council, will now move onto the next stages including securing remaining parcels of land and finalising the detailed designs to appointing a construction contractor, before building work can begin.

The project will see the existing 1986 built bus station, the oldest in the West Midlands, demolished to make way for a modern bus and Metro tram interchange allowing passengers to seamlessly move between services.

Click here for more details.

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