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Network Rail has selected its four main partners for a performance-based alliance to deliver the Southern Region's £9 billion programme of renewals over the next 10 years.

An article on Construction Enquirer says the new alliance set-up, known as Southern Integrated Delivery, or SID, will be part of a new enterprise model based on the Institution of Civil Engineers' Project 13 principles, developed following significant cross-industry consultation over the last two and a half years.

The partners will be VolkerFitzpatrick for Buildings and Civils, Octavius for Electrification and Plant, VolkerRail for Track and Atkins for Signalling.

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More details on the £22 million redevelopment of Leicester railway station have been released, a month before an online consultation is due to begin.

An article on the BBC website says Leicester City Council said it aimed to move the main entrance to face Station Street and the city centre, with a taxi rank set for Fox Street.

Last year the authority was awarded £17.6 million in central government funding for the project.

If planning and listed building consent is given, work may start this year.

This morning train services between Oxford and Worcester will resume following the reopening of the line between Oxford and Kingham.

An article on the ITV website says Network Rail engineers have had to repair a wall collapse and landslip that happened on Friday (10 February) at Yarnton near Oxford.

A GWR service ran into debris at Cassington Road Bridge causing services to be cancelled and replaced by buses.

Lilla the locomotive was called upon for a task reminiscent of the missions featured in Thomas the Tank Engine to save a mountain track washed away by storms.

The article in The Telegraph says the train was retired from her quarry job in slate mines when she failed a boiler test in 1955, before later being restored to carry passengers.

But she was called back to engage in some heavy lifting after part of the path was flooded.

Lilla was tasked with carrying 30 tons of aggregate and stone along a mountain track, after National Trust bosses needed help repairing the path and called upon the Ffestiniog and West Highland Railways line for help.

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