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Eurostar will get help from both France and the UK to ensure it survives the pandemic, according to the French government

That is according to an article in The Guardian as the cross-Channel rail service has warned that its future is at risk and appealed for state aid.

Passenger numbers are down at least 95 per cent on pre-COVID levels and now it operates just one train a day each way on its London-Paris and London-Brussels routes.

The paper says the French transport minister told a national assembly committee that the state would “be there at Eurostar’s side to maintain this strategic link between our two countries”.

The article says he says the government was working with the UK on “mechanisms for aid, proportional to everyone’s involvement in Eurostar”, to keep the business going.

Scientists are using cutting-edge technology along Britain’s 20,000-mile rail network, as part of Network Rail’s new action plan for sustainable vegetation management.

The UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (UKCEH) has used high-resolution imagery from satellites and aircraft to produce a detailed national map of all the habitats found alongside the rail network.

By combining this information with millions of records of species, UKCEH has predicted what animals and plants are likely to be present in these lineside habitats including grasslands, heathlands and woodland.

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People are being invited to have their say on the latest designs for the proposed new £30 million-plus railway station in Halifax.

Calderdale Council is working with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority to transform Halifax Rail Station, improving the customer’s travel experience and providing a boost to the local economy.

The latest design proposals, which people can now comment on, have been developed in partnership with contractor Mott MacDonald.

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Finally, and Network Rail’s North West route director says his blood was boiling when he was shown a [video of tractor driver caught using the railways as a ‘personal sewer’ during the floods.](#)

Phil James comments comes as a driver was caught dumping suspected floodwater into a railway station car park at Hartford Station in Cheshire as floods ravaged the region.

The video was filmed by a member of the public who sent it to Network Rail and then passed on to the British Transport Police who are now looking into the footage.

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