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Network Rail has published its £44 billion, five-year plan (CP7) for the railway in England and Wales that sees increased investment in tackling climate change, improving train performance from current levels, investing in things that matter most to passengers and freight users, and making our 'green' railway, even greener.

In December the Department for Transport (DfT) published two key documents. One set out what it wanted

our railway to deliver (High Level Output Statement – HLOS) and the other, how much funding it was making available (Statement of Funds Available – SoFA).

Over the last two years, and more intensively over the past three months, Network Rail has been working on plans to deliver the best railway it can for the amount of money available – £44.1bn, which, after adjusting for changes in electricity costs, is £1.8bn more than CP6 (2019-2024).

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Rail infrastructure specialist Spencer Group is making significant progress on the construction of a £26.5 million station in South Leeds.

Situated between Morley and Cottingley, the White Rose Rail Station will be located on the main trans-Pennine route to Manchester via Huddersfield.

It will be a two-platform station providing improved access to the adjacent White Rose office park, shopping centre and bus interchange.

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There were more than 90,000 extra journeys on the Merseyrail network across the seven-day Eurovision period, the operator has revealed.

An article on Insider Media Limited says according to the company, the numbers were an increase of about 24 per cent on the usual figure expected at this time of year.

A strategy was put into operation across the week, including late night services on the two busiest nights running until 2.45am.

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Train enthusiasts are renowned for being rather dedicated to their somewhat niche pastime.

But the ambitions of even most passionate might hit the buffers at the prospect of building a working steam railway in their garden.

Not the late Adrian Shooter CBE, however, who loved trains so much he constructed a mile-long, figure-of-eight track in the grounds of his north Oxfordshire home.

The article in the Mail Online says his locomotive – said to be the world’s oldest working steam train – is being sold for £200,000 as part of the transport boss’s amazing garden railway.

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