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Crossrail has announced that the Paddington Elizabeth line station has become the third of the newly built central stations where construction works are sufficiently finished for final commissioning activities to start.

The station has reached its T-12 landmark, this means the station is now considered to be 12 weeks away from being ready for handover to Transport for London, who will operate the Elizabeth line.

Work at the station will now primarily focus on the extensive testing and commissioning of systems ahead of the Elizabeth line opening. The railway is still on track to open in the first half of 2022.

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In what has been described as a world first, electric resistant paint combined with voltage-controlled clearance has helped make a Victorian railway bridge usable by new electric trains.

Network Rail's Richard Stainton said the Intersection Bridge is too low to safely fit all the kit required. Ordinarily, this would force Network Rail to demolish it and rebuild it at a greater height to keep electric trains a safe distance away as they pass under – and stop them from electrifying the bridge itself.

In this case however, Network Rail used electric-resistant paint – a unique coating applied to the underside of the bridge.

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The pioneering locomotive Green Arrow has rolled back into Doncaster almost 75 years on since it left the famous Doncaster Plant Works.

Thanks to a partnership between the National Railway Museum and Doncaster Council, Green Arrow completes the line-up of locomotives in Danum Gallery, Library and Museum by joining No. 251, in a new rail heritage centre.

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Finally, and congratulations to ScotRail which has been voted the winner of the World Cup of Train Operators on Twitter.

The competition was created by travel Youtuber and author Geoff Marshall who put 16 of the biggest train operators from across England, Scotland and Wales against each other.

An article, featuring in the Daily Record, says ScotRail beat LNER in the final of the knock-out competition, that was decided by thousands of public vote.

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