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Multi-million-pound improvements will be made to Newcastle's historic Central Station after planners have given the green light for the works to begin.

Newcastle City Council and partners want to open-up access to the Victorian station, improve traffic flows in front, accommodate more passengers and change taxi pick-up points and short stay parking.

Welcoming the Listed Building Consent, Cabinet Member Councillor Ged Bell said that 'with rising passenger numbers, we need to ensure it offers a pleasant experience while playing its part to help the city recover and grow'.

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New barriers could be installed on Preston railway station's platforms in order to combat the rising number of trespass incidents.

The article on Lancs Live says Network Rail has put in an application for end of platform fencing, as well as anti-trespass 'pyramid' matting to make it difficult for people to get onto the tracks.

The plans would also see dozens of signs being placed around the station warning people to keep off the track.

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Young people in the West Midlands will play a part in the delivery of High Speed 2, thanks to an innovative partnership between Walsall College and Balfour Beatty VINCI.

16-18 year olds who sign up for the new T-Level qualification in Construction - Design, Surveying and Planning, which starts at the college in September, will get to spend 20% of their studies on an industry placement.

It's been confirmed that the students BBV hosts will get to work on the West Midlands section of the HS2 railway.

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Finally, and Network Rail says there will be no swinging for the Selby railway swing bridge today or tomorrow because of the hot temperatures.

The bridge will be kept in the railway position as hot weather can impact on the operation of the bridge.

Chris Gee, from Network Rail, says keeping the bridge in the railway position is one proactive measure they can take to keep those who need to travel by train moving reliably.

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