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The government says it is committed to delivering the HS2 rail line to Manchester after a report the scheme may no longer reach central London.

An article on the BBC website says the Sun reported that rising inflation and construction costs meant HS2 trains may terminate in the suburbs of west London instead.

The paper said bosses were considering pushing back its Euston terminus to 2038, or scrapping it completely.

The government has not denied the report.

The first of the new Tyne and Wear Metro trains has suffered a “technical glitch” that has delayed its arrival in the North East for a second time.

An article on the Chronicle Live says transport chiefs had hoped that they would be welcoming the first of the £362 million fleet this week, having already seen it pushed back from December.

But it has instead had to be taken back to manufacturer Stadler’s factory in Switzerland after experiencing a fault as it set off on its journey to the UK.

Metro operator Nexus insisted that the setback would “not affect the overall programme of delivering the new Metro train fleet”, with 46 new trains expected to arrive by early 2025 to replace the outdated carriages that have served passengers here for more than 40 years.

The boss of under-fire train company Transpennine Express has apologised to passengers and admitted services have not been good enough.

An article on the BBC website says Transpennine, which operates across the North of England and into Scotland, has been cancelling trains on a daily basis for months, disrupting many journeys.

Calls have been made for the company to lose its contract for the service.

Matthew Golton, managing director of Transpennine, told the BBC the operator had a “recovery plan” to do better.

A total of £48 million is on its way to Peterborough, following a successful Levelling Up Fund bid for the first phase of regeneration of the area around Peterborough station – known as Station Quarter.

Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority received the official confirmation from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) earlier this month.

The project involves creating a new western entrance to the station with a car park – to create a double-sided station – with a new wider footbridge over the train lines.

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