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40,000 rail workers are striking today, as RMT union members at Network Rail and 14 other train companies walk out over pay and job terms.

An article in City A.M. The Department for Transport said the union was “hell-bent on creating further misery for passengers across the UK”.

Writing in the Telegraph last night, Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said: “The default strategy adopted by the RMT and others in industrial relations – their casual, habitual, brutal resort to the strike weapon – must end.”

More RMT strikes are planned for 18th and 20th August, with tube strikes incoming on 19 August.

A £5 billion rail project “appears to be unachievable” in parts, a government report said.

An article on the BBC website says the East-West Rail scheme will create a link from Oxford to Cambridge, with services being introduced in stages.

Stage two, between Oxford and Bedford, and stage three, between Bedford and Cambridge, have “major issues”, the Infrastructure and Projects Authority said.

A spokesman for East-West Rail said the delivery programme was “under review”.

The authority recently released its annual report, which provides “a snapshot of the delivery of the government’s 235 most ambitious, complex and innovative projects”.

The Severn Valley Railway has announced it is restarting steam-hauled services today after two weeks of using heritage diesels only on its public services.

“We decided to stop running steam locomotives temporarily after a spate of lineside fires, coupled with a forecast of sustained hot, dry weather,” said Helen Smith, the SVR’s managing director.

“It was the responsible thing to do, and we’re fortunate to have a strong fleet of heritage diesel engines that we could turn to in order to continue running passenger services.”

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London Transport Museum is adding an exclusive new tour of Shepherd’s Bush Underground station to its popular Hidden London series, which take ticket holders to fascinating secret locations across the capital’s Underground network that are usually off limits to the public.

For the first time, ticket holders will be able to explore historic sections of the original Shepherd’s Bush station dating back to 1900 that lie concealed behind unassuming doorways and grilles of the modern day station.

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