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Talks are set to resume today between RMT and rail bosses, with the union's national executive committee mulling further strike dates as the prime minister backed plans to close ticket offices.

An article in The Guardian says services started returning to normal after a later start on Sunday due to the last of three 24-hour national strikes by workers at Network Rail and 13 train operating companies on Saturday.

More walkouts could be called for late July. An RMT spokesperson said the union would “evaluate and look to the next phase of the campaign”.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson told ITV News: “I can’t responsibly tell them that we’re just going to continue with business as usual, with the same old systems of ticket offices that are barely used, or sell one ticket every hour.”

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Network Rail has published contract notices for three frameworks for its North West & Central region, worth £1.28 billion in total, which include structural and geotechnical engineering lots.

An article on Ground Engineering says Network Rail is intending to put in place a number of frameworks for Control Period 7 (CP7) for the delivery of capital works in the North West and Central region. CP7 covers the five year period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2029.

The frameworks are divided into three categories: B for the design and build of medium projects, C for the implementation of small projects, and D for the delivery of minor and reactive works.

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Commuters are facing long delays this morning and train lines have been blocked after around 200 metres of signalling cable was stolen. The theft happened between Peterborough and St Neots

An article on Herts Live says Trains running between Peterborough and Stevenage may be cancelled, delayed by up to 60 minutes or revised. National Rail expects trains will be majorly disrupted until 1pm.

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The first design images have been revealed of Washwood Heath Depot, HS2’s maintenance facility and main control centre for the whole HS2 network, which will create more than 550 jobs in the local area.

The site, north east of Birmingham city centre, is where HS2 trains will be maintained, serviced and stored when not in use, and includes the Maintenance Building, Network Integrated Control Centre (NICC) and Cleaners and Drivers Building.

All the buildings have been designed to celebrate engineering and provide sustainable working, as well as outdoor amenity spaces for staff.

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