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Andy Burnham wants to take control over all train stations across Greater Manchester, accusing the railway industry of 'failing' the city-region.

An article on Manchester World says the Greater Manchester mayor has described the five train stations in the city centre which lag behind their surroundings as 'embarrassing' to the industry.

Mr Burnham said Greater Manchester would look at building flats above the stations and make better use of commercial space to 'maximise their value'.

A Network Rail spokesman said: "We're committed to working with TfGM on station improvements for passengers across Greater Manchester."

A "radical transformation" of Leeds railway station will be required to deliver the government's Integrated Rail Plan, Transport Secretary Grant Shapps has said.

An article on the Yorkshire Post website says speaking to the Transport Select Committee yesterday, he accepted that a "massive redevelopment" of the station and surrounding lines will be required to deliver on proposals such as running HS2 services to the city and cutting journey times to Bradford to 12 minutes.

He said while "huge investment" has already gone into the railway station, "we need to do a lot more".

Work to demolish Sunderland train station's southern entrance, to be replaced with a "transformational" revamped entry point, will commence next week.

An article on Insider Media Limited says BAM Nuttall will start work on the £26 million project to regenerate the arrival point for visitors travelling to the city by train and Metro.

Sunderland City Council has led the charge for the new station, bringing together partners including Network Rail, Nexus, Grand Central and Northern, to tackle the first of a multi-phased revamp of the transport hub.

Toilets at railway stations across the North have been fitted with a new electronic device to help blind and visually impaired people when it comes to navigating the facilities.

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