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The Government should buy British when it commissions giant infrastructure projects, according to Transport Secretary Grant Shapps.

That's according to an article in the Daily Express that says MPs want the Government to use its spending power to not only deliver new infrastructure, but to ensure the local supply chain gets the biggest possible benefit.

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Some of the best brains in engineering, science, tech and digital are being challenged to shape the future

of the Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro by developing conceptual designs for the vehicle, its infrastructure and how the system might operate.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is testing the market for existing and potential technologies, innovations, designs, operational systems and commercial ideas.

It is hoped the resulting three conceptual designs will be completed in March 2021.

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All 187 stations on the South Western Railway network now have Wi-Fi available – a significant improvement compared to just five stations with connectivity when the FirstGroup and MTR took over the South Western franchise in 2017.

The upgrade by BT builds on other recent improvements delivered by SWR, such as its £1.5 million station re-painting programme.

It comes as part of a three-year SWR partnership with BT, which has already delivered the upgrade of 104 4G EE cell masts on SWR's network and will soon see 31 new masts built.

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Finally, and a fundraiser aged five is set to become the youngest person to have their name immortalised on the side of a train.

The Daily Mirror article says Lincoln Callaghan will be honoured for helping his local football team, Didcot Town, known as The Railwaymen, which was struggling earlier this year.

His name will be added to a Great Western Railway high-speed Inter-city Express Train after he raised £3,500 with his dad by cycling 100km in a month.

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