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Commuters face spending up to £55 more each day to travel using the government's new "flexi-fares" rather than relying on traditional rail season tickets, according to analysis.

An article in The Times says research by Labour shows that passengers can pay almost 150 per cent more a day when using the much-anticipated tickets from this week.

The party said the ticket – aimed at passengers who travel two or three days a week – could discourage people from getting back on to the rail network when lockdown restrictions end.

However, the article says the government said an online fares calculator had been introduced to find the cheapest option, including conventional day tickets, full-time season tickets or the new flexible fares.

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Sutton Council has submitted a £32 million bid to the Government's new Levelling Up Fund for improved rail services in the borough.

An article in the Sutton & Croydon Guardian says the money would aim to improve access to Harris Academy Sutton, the London Cancer Hub and the new emergency hospital set for Belmont.

The bid is focused on reinstating a twin-track rail line between Sutton and Belmont and rebuilding the Belmont Loop Line of approximately 1.5km.

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Engineers have successfully completed the first phase of repair work to Redbridge Viaduct in the Scottish Borders.

The £2.4 million investment will protect the red sandstone, five-arch Listed structure against future erosion by undertaking scour protection and masonry repairs.

Spanning the River Tweed on the Borders Railway line between Tweedbank and Galashiels, work started on the bridge in late April and is expected to be completed by October.

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Long distance train operator Grand Central has launched an integrated digital portal for entertainment, journey updates and at-seat hospitality.

Journey Central will offer rail travellers a range of services in one integrated platform which they can access through smart phones, tablets or laptops, without the need for downloads or passwords.

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