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A union leader has claimed that rail strikes planned for next month could last a “very, very long time”.

The article in the Evening Standard says members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) union at Network Rail and 13 train operators overwhelmingly backed a walkout in a ballot over jobs and pay, despite fears that a strike could affect the UK's petrol and diesel supplies and the delivery of goods to shops.

The union only has to give two weeks' notice of strikes, which could start in mid-June.

RMT general secretary Mick Lynch told Sky's Sophy Ridge On Sunday: “They could go on for a very, very long time.

“There is no sign at the moment that anybody is backing down on their side of the table.”

The Department for Transport said strikes should always be the last resort and not the first.

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Perry Barr station is ready to receive customers after a year of work and £30 million of investment to completely rebuild it.

The station was designed to be part of a complete revamp of the Perry Barr area, and will stand as a gateway for visitors to Alexander Stadium for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games this summer.

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RSSB has said it is publishing a new quarterly report helping businesses get a better understanding of health and wellbeing performance.

The move is an industry first, the organisation says.

The reports are aimed at HR and operational decision makers, giving access to shared, aggregated data to assess and monitor health risks and benchmark progress against others.

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Since opening, the central section of the Elizabeth line between Paddington and Abbey Wood has seen more than one million journeys.

Across the whole line, which stretches from Reading and Heathrow in the west to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the east, more than two million journeys have been made since Tuesday.

Howard Smith, TfL's director of the Elizabeth line said "customers have been flocking to the railway in the hundreds of thousands each day since opening to marvel at our beautiful new stations but also to experience drastically shorter journey times".

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