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South Western Railway (SWR) has announced a landmark commitment and roadmap to deliver net zero carbon emissions by 2040 at the latest, ten years ahead of the UK's overall legal deadline to be net zero by 2050.

The Department for Transport (DfT) has backed SWR, in collaboration with Network Rail and other key stakeholders, to deliver the UK rail industry's first robust, transparent, and cost-effective roadmap to net zero.

SWR plans to cut its carbon footprint with challenging, science-based targets, in line with the Paris Agreement to limit global warming to 1.5°C. This follows commitments made by FirstGroup last year, the first UK public transport company to commit to net zero targets.

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The proposed development of a railway station in Haxby looks set to move forward next week.

An article on Insider Media Limited says senior councillors will receive an update on progress to bring a railway station back to Haxby for the first time in nearly a century. The next steps in the project, including the submission of a planning application, will be discussed at a meeting on 6 October.

Progress on the project in recent months has included the completion of a resident consultation, securing of an additional £1.1 million funding from government and the submission of a Levelling Up Fund bid to increase sustainable travel options around the station.

The prime minister has given her backing to a £5bn rail project linking Oxford and Cambridge.

An article on the BBC website says the next phase of the East-West Rail link was put in doubt after the Department of Transport said it was a decision for "the next prime minister".

Liz Truss said her government would be "laying out the detail in due course".

A Scots couple who shared their first date in South Queensferry have got engaged at the top of the Forth Rail Bridge.

An article on the Daily Record says love was 360ft in the air on Sunday night as Paul Ward, 44, dropped on one knee to ask his partner, Meghan Crawford, 38, the special question.

Meghan had bought Paul tickets to the Barnardo's charity event, called Your View, which gives visitors the chance to stand at the top the iconic Forth Bridge and enjoy uninterrupted views of the Edinburgh and Fife coastline.

But, unbeknown to her, Paul had other plans in mind.

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