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Strikes by drivers on London Underground (LU), due to take place this week, have been suspended to allow more talks on resolving the dispute.

An article on Sky News said members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) union were due to stage a series of 24-hour walkouts, with the first set to begin at midday on Tuesday, in a row over planned changes to the pay grade of Night Tube drivers.

Mick Lynch, RMT General Secretary, said: "Following extensive and wide ranging discussions through the ACAS machinery we have hammered out enough ground to allow those talks to continue. As a result, this week's strike action is suspended although the rest of the planned action remains on."

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In a UK first, on-site 3D reinforced concrete printing is set to deliver environmental, cost and community benefits for Britain's new high-speed rail network.

The cutting-edge technology, called 'Printfrastructure', will be deployed by HS2 Ltd's London tunnels contractor Skanska Costain STRABAG Joint Venture, in a move that represents a major step forward in construction technology.

Printing concrete with computer operated robots will enable SCS JV to make structures on site, instead of transporting them as pre-cast slabs by road before being assembled and lowered into place by large cranes.

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A helium balloon has caused delays to rail passengers after it got tangled in 25,000-volt overhead electric cables which power trains on the West Coast Mainline near Tamworth.

It's prompted Network Rail to issue a safety plea to the public to not let helium balloons loose near the railway.

The party balloon got caught on the high-voltage overhead wires yesterday causing passengers on six trains to be delayed for a total of 44 minutes.

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British reserve may be internationally renowned but a new survey by Samaritans shows how much we rely on small talk as a nation, even with the limiting social restrictions of the pandemic.

The findings come as Samaritans launches a new phase of *Small Talk Saves Lives this summer*, in partnership with Network Rail, British Transport Police and the wider rail industry, to empower the public to act to prevent suicide on the railways and other settings.

After an incredibly tough year and as the nation begins to readjust to life with easing restrictions, the campaign reminds the public they already have the skills to start a conversation with someone who needs help, giving them the confidence to act.

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