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Thousands of Tube workers are to stage two 24-hour strikes in March in a dispute over jobs, pay, pensions and conditions.

An article in the Metro says the RMT union has accused the Government of 'engineering a financial crisis at London Underground'.

Its general secretary Mick Lynch said Downing Street was driving a 'cuts agenda' which would 'savagely' jobs, services, safety, pensions and working conditions.

Following a recent ballot, workers have been instructed not to work any time on Tuesday, March 1 or Thursday, March 3.

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GB Railfreight (GBRf) has taken delivery of a Class 18 hybrid+ shunting locomotive.

Its arrival is part of a three-month trial with Beacon Rail Leasing, marking the latest expansion of its growing fleet.

The low-noise, zero-emissions-enabling locomotive was delivered to Whitemoor on Tuesday, 1 February, where it will undergo a series of tests to understand its capabilities and performance.

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Today is the last day you can have your say on a 30-year Whole Industry Strategic Plan for Great British Railways (GBR).

The transition team responsible for creating GBR, the new public body that will run and plan the rail network, launched an eight-week call for evidence that finishes on 4 February.

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A new sea wall built after a railway was destroyed in a storm will open its promenade to the public in the summer.

The wall protects the track at Dawlish in Devon from the sea after it was ravaged by huge waves eight years ago.

Most of Devon and Cornwall was without a railway line to the rest of the country for several weeks after the storm between 4 and 5 February 2014.

Network Rail said the £80 million scheme was due to be completed in 2023 and would protect the railway for 100 years.

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