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Train passengers are suffering another day of strike disruption as the new general secretary of the TUC called for an urgent meeting with the Prime Minister in a bid to break deadlocked industrial disputes across the country.

An article in the Evening Standard says on Wednesday, around half of Britain's railway lines are closed and only a fifth of services are running as tens of thousands of workers at Network Rail and train operators

walk out on the second day of a 48-hour strike by members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union (RMT).

Train drivers in the Aslef union will strike on Thursday before a second two-day RMT strike begins on Friday.

The opening of the new autonomous light rail link between Luton Airport and Luton Parkway has been pushed back another few months while the costs are now projected to top £300 million.

An article on the New Civil Engineer website says the 2.1km Luton direct-air transit link (Dart) is being constructed by a JV of VolkerFitzpatrick and Kier and was originally intended to open in 2021 and cost £225 million.

Luton Council's accounts for 2020-21 previously revealed that the cost of the project had risen to £261.7 million, with the opening date pushed back to October 2022.

When that delayed opening date came and went, Luton Rising – the council body in charge of the project – said that an announcement about its opening date would be made in early 2023.

A 17-mile diversion route set up because of work to replace a bridge is “exceptional” and will be “disruptive”, Network Rail has admitted.

An article on the BBC website says a stretch of Nazeing New Road beside Broxbourne railway station in Hertfordshire closed on Tuesday and is not expected to reopen until 30 April.

A road bridge, taking motorists over the tracks, has deteriorated.

London North Eastern Railway (LNER) has launched a special commemorative video to mark the centenary of the iconic East Coast route operator.

On 1st January 2023, LNER celebrated 100 years since the grouping following the Railway Act of 1921.

New Year's Day marked the start of a year full of celebrations for LNER who will spend the year recognising the achievements of the past as well as the potential for the future.

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