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England and Scotland have this morning started new lockdowns as coronavirus cases rise.

People must now stay at home except for a handful of permitted reasons.

An article on the BBC says schools have closed to most pupils in England, Scotland and Wales, while Northern Ireland will have an “extended period of remote learning”.

England’s rules are due to be reviewed on 15<sup>TH</sup> February; Scotland’s will be reviewed at the end of January.

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Nearly 40,000 people have signed a petition led by Chris Packham to revoke HS2 legislation.

The petition calls for the Government to stop spending taxpayers’ money on HS2 and to hold a new vote to repeal the existing legislation.

It claims the project is grossly over budget and a waste of money, as well as being ecological disaster.

HS2 claims it will be the most environmentally sustainable railway ever built in the UK and will significantly contribute to the UK’s commitment to be carbon neutral by 2050.

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Winvic Construction has started the main infrastructure works at SEGRO Logistics Park Northampton Gateway, a 450-acre multi-modal logistics hub located next to junction 15 of the M1.

When complete, the development will comprise five million square feet of modern, high sustainable industrial facilities and a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI).

The project has been designated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project and the infrastructure works includes the 35-acre SRFI – capable of handling 16. 775-metre-long trains a day – new rail connections and improvements to the strategic road network.

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Finally, and Tyne & Wear Metro drivers have been getting a first glimpse of their new trains through virtual reality.

The VR headsets, provided by the Swiss train builder, Stadler, offers an immersive experience that allows drivers to see inside the new cab before it has even been built.

The computer-generated images deliver a virtual tour of the new train’s state-of-the-art driver’s cab. It allows Metro drivers to offer essential feedback on the controls, layout, and instrument displays.

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