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Transport Secretary Grant Shapps has today announced that Birmingham, Crewe, Derby, Doncaster, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and York will compete for the honour of being crowned the home of British railways following a competition that drew applications from 42 towns and cities.

The public vote, which will play a crucial role in determining the chosen location, has officially opened today.

Members of the public can choose the town or city they think makes the best case for this prestigious honour online, with the final decision made by the Transport Secretary later this year.

The central headquarters will be the heart of the rail network and will provide strategic direction for the running of GBR, as well as bringing a number of highly skilled jobs to the area.

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RMT general secretary Mick Lynch said the national rail dispute was “the fight of our lifetime” at the union’s annual general meeting in Birmingham.

Mick who has become a media sensation since a string of broadcast interviews, said these were the “toughest negotiations” RMT had ever been involved in.

He accused Network Rail and the train operating companies of “doing the government’s rotten business and trying to cut thousands of jobs on the railways”.

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An extra £25.5 million is needed to finish the Portishead railway line project, according to North Somerset Council.

The railway line, which will connect Portishead to Bristol, is not expected to re-open until 2024.

An article on Bristol Live says the project has been hit with delays, and the council says that because of this, the cost of the scheme has risen unexpectedly to £152 million.

Council leader Steve Bridger says the council and the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) have now committed an extra £10 million to the project, and are asking the Department for Transport to close the remaining £15.5 million funding gap.

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Visitors to the Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury will soon be given the opportunity to see the incredibly

rare Roman stone heads uncovered during HS2's archaeological excavation of St Mary's Church in Stoke Mandeville.

Two of the heads, from the three busts found, will go on display on Saturday 16th July and will remain on loan to the museum until the end of October 2022.

They were discovered in the final stages of investigations by archaeologists from L-P Archaeology, working for HS2's Enabling Works Contractor, Fusion JV, in October last year.

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