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Siemens Mobility and the University of Birmingham have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a centre of excellence for rail research and innovation in Goole, East Yorkshire.

As founding partners in the UK Rail Research and Innovation Network this latest development is described as a natural progression for the two partner organisations.

The facility, with an investment of up to £50m and creating up to 250 direct and supplier jobs, will be built as part of the second phase of an innovation hub known as the Rail Accelerator and Innovations Solutions

Hub for Enterprise (RaisE).

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Major work to upgrade the railway in West Yorkshire is now a step closer as Network Rail has submitted plans to transform the line between Huddersfield and Westtown (Dewsbury) following two rounds of public and stakeholder consultations.

As the improvements on the 13km stretch of the line include building new sections of railway outside of the existing network, Network Rail was required to submit a Transport and Works Order Act to the Secretary of State for Transport.

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HS2 has announced the signing of a new contract to create new woods and wetlands as part of early environmental works on the route between the West Midlands and Crewe – also known as Phase 2a – of Europe's largest infrastructure project.

The £52 million early environmental works contract HS2 Ltd has signed with British engineering giant Balfour Beatty marks the first stage in extending the high speed rail line from Birmingham to Crewe and follows Royal Assent for this stage of the line in February 2021.

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Finally, and The South Devon Railway (SDR) and Bluebell Railway are among several heritage railways to have been given Government grants to help them move towards reopening.

Nearly £400 million has been awarded to thousands of cultural organisations across the country in the latest round of support from the Culture Recovery Fund, the Culture Secretary announced.

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