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A fire close to a train line leading to London Paddington caused travel chaos during rush hour today.

An article in the Evening Standard said National Rail said: "A fire next to the track between Acton Main Line and London Paddington is causing major disruption to trains running between these stations."

Disruption was expected until 10 this morning.

Emergency funding has been extended for a third time for Transport for London (TfL).

An extraordinary funding and financing support package arrangement, announced in June, was provided to help TfL because of low passenger numbers and revenue forecasts due to the pandemic.

Now, as discussions continue, the funding has been set until February 18th.

The competition to find the new home of Great British Railways has officially opened, with towns and cities across England, Wales and Scotland invited to apply.

As part of the Government's commitment to level-up the UK, and following the publication of the Levelling Up White Paper, the new Great British Railways HQ will be based outside of London and bring a number of high-skilled jobs to the winning location.

Locations across the country with strong historical links to the railway are encouraged to make the case for why they should be the new home of GBR.

The GBR Transition Team will shortlist the best applications in May, after which a public vote will help

determine the winning location.

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More than 400 burials have been uncovered in a Roman Cemetery and buildings excavated and artefacts uncovered by HS2 archaeologists.

As part of HS2's unprecedented archaeology programme, archaeologists have been able to excavate a Roman town in Fleet Marston, near Aylesbury, discovering more about what life was like in Roman Britain, two thousand years ago.

The team has also discovered over 1,200 coins along with several lead weights, indicating that this was an area of trade and commerce.

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