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Network Rail has begun work to install around 10,000 tonnes of rock armour alongside a stretch of the Cambrian Line just south of the town to make it more resilient and reliable for passengers.

An article on the Shropshire Star says £4.4 million is being invested to protect the future of the line following three back-to-back storms in February 2022 that led to half a mile of severe damages on the track.

The Cambrian line between Welshpool and Newtown was closed for several weeks following Storm Franklin, with Network Rail and AmcoGiffen engineers working night and day to fix more than 12 areas of washouts – the result of unprecedented levels of flood water.

Hundreds of railway workers are set to join the wave of industrial action that is bringing the country to a standstill as members of the union TSSA have voted in favour of industrial action.

An article on City AM says according to the union, which announced the ballot's result today, 69.2 per cent of LNER workers balloted voted in favour of walking out while 85.7 per cent said yes to take action short of strike.

88.9 and 90.3 per cent of members working for C2C voted yes to strike and action short of strike respectively, while 83 per cent of Northern employees announced they were ready for action short of strike.

Winchester civic chiefs are relaunching the multi-million redevelopment of the Station Approach area.

An article on the Hampshire Chronicle says previous attempts, including a large office block on the corner of Station Road and Gladstone Street, were scuppered by councillor revolt, legal challenge and then the COVID pandemic.

The area covers land near the railway station, from Station Road to Sussex Street and between Station Hill and Gladstone Street, known as the Carfax site.

It also includes part of Andover Road and the triangle of land next known as the Cattle Market car park between Worthy Lane and Andover Road.

Now the city council is having another go at development and is involving Network Rail which owns land in the area including car parks.

Work boosting sustainability and biodiversity has meant SWR's £26 million Island Line upgrade has earned a top environmental rating.

The leading sustainability assessment and rating scheme, CEEQUAL, gave the project a 'Good' rating, which means sustainable development was considered and implemented throughout the project.

This is the first time SWR has completed a CEEQUAL assessment, and this rating reflects its commitment to sustainable working.

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