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Politicians from the East of England have told the chancellor there was “an overwhelming case” for upgrading two railway junctions.

An article from the BBC says MPs, peers and local councillors want Jeremy Hunt to improve Haughley, in Suffolk, and Ely, in Cambridgeshire to allow more passenger and freight trains to run through the two junctions.

In a letter to the chancellor, politicians said improving the junctions could remove 98,000 HGV and 376,000 car journeys from the roads every year and the work not going ahead could lead to a significant risk of non-compliance with the government's commitment to net zero.

The construction of a new train station in Bristol is underway, the region's metro mayor has announced in an article on the BBC website.

The station, at Ashley Down, will be between Temple Meads and Filton Abbey Wood, with services eventually running to the new YTL Arena in Filton.

It will be built on Station Road, just south of the Ashley Down allotments and is set to be completed in 2024.

The revamp of the area at the front of York railway station has been boosted by a further £10.5 million funding, an article from the York Press reports.

The funding is being provided by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, allowing construction to begin on the York Station Gateway project, which aims to improve access to the station, introduce new public spaces and better showcase the city's heritage sites.

City of York Council says it is working closely with partners the Combined Authority, Network Rail and London North Eastern Railway (LNER) to deliver the 'transformative' project.

Finally, a two-week ballot has opened for members of the public to get the chance to be on a rare tour of a Birmingham city centre railway landmark.

For one day only, Network Rail will open the doors to the Grade II-listed Birmingham New Street power signal box (PSB) after it finished 56 years of duty in December.

Railway staff will lead the tour of three of the iconic building's five floors, with a total of 60 places are on offer for five, 45-minute tours starting every hour from midday on Friday 31 March.

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