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HS2 has said it is “bitterly disappointed” after charges against climate change protesters who occupied tunnels near Euston Station were dropped.

The article in the Evening Standard said four people faced charges of obstructing or disrupting a person engaged in a lawful activity, which they denied, after digging tunnels underneath Euston Square in north London and living inside them for a month.

The trial was due to run until Friday but the case was dropped on Wednesday, the Guardian newspaper reported.

The Guardian reported that the case was dropped because HS2 was not carrying out construction work on the site when the charges were made against the protestors.

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The Prime Minister Boris Johnson says Northern Powerhouse Rail (NPR) will go-ahead.

Speaking at the Conservative Party conference he described our national infrastructure as “way behind some of our key competitors”.

He said: “Transport is one of the supreme leveller-uppers, and we are making the big generational changes shirked by previous governments, we will do Northern Powerhouse Rail, we will link up the cities of the midlands and the north.”

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Metrolink’s ‘London-style’ pay-as-you-go contactless system is proving more popular than ever, with more than 5 million journeys now having been made since its launch.

The tram network’s touch in/touch out system allows customers to travel quickly, securely and flexibly across the network without the need to download an app or buy a paper ticket.

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The fourth Women in Rail Awards have taken place celebrating colleagues, teams and companies, who during the pandemic, continued to work hard to support others and to help create a more gender balanced, diverse and inclusive work culture in our industry.

The ceremony was opened by Adeline Ginn MBE, Founder of Women in Rail, in her last official appearance as Chair of the charity.

Among the winners included Karen Paton, who won the Women in Rail Award, and Anna Kuncelman who was the Rising Star of the Year.

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