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Heritage buildings surrounding a popular Darlington museum are set to be restored after redevelopment plans received a grant of more than £3 million.

An article in the Darlington and Stockton Times says the communities along the Stockton and Darlington Railway (S&DR) line, as well as buildings surrounding the Head of Steam Museum in Darlington, will see significant investment after being awarded £3,211,632 by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

This money will contribute towards the capital costs for Darlington's new Rail Heritage Quarter (RHQ), as well as the delivery of an activity plan to engage with communities along the route.

HS2 Ltd has set out plans which could radically improve capacity at Junction 6 of the M56 to support future growth and development aspirations around the proposed new HS2/NPR station at Manchester Airport.

The proposals, developed in conjunction with National Highways, suggest relocating Junction 6 of the motorway to the southwest and sequencing the works within HS2's construction programme.

HS2 says the revised plans would improve access to the new combined HS2 and NPR station for millions of business and leisure travellers and could also help to reduce congestion on the local road network.

Network Rail has said replacing a level crossing near York with a fully accessible bridge would cost an additional £3 million to £5 million.

An article on the BBC website says it comes after concerns were raised that replacing Beckett's Crossing, at Copmanthorpe, with a stepped bridge would limit access to the countryside.

Parish councillors want to see a fully-accessible bridge, but Network Rail said its plan is appropriate.

The final decision will be made by the government later this year.

Birmingham New Street station has been revealed as the new home of the Commonwealth Games' Raging Bull. Birmingham 2022 and Network Rail have revealed plans for the star of the spectacular opening ceremony to arrive at Britain's busiest station outside London on a one-way ticket this summer.

Network Rail has worked closely with Birmingham 2022, Birmingham City Council and the West Midlands Combined Authority to make New Street the beloved Bull's permanent home right in the heart of the city centre.

While the Raging Bull is having a winter makeover to ensure it's fit for its new home and to turn it into a static sculpture, final details are being worked through to make sure the design is compliant with building and fire regulations.

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