

## In The News: 9th June

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Tier one contractors working on Crossrail are starting to leave sites after completing their work on the project, it has been revealed.

That's according to an article in the New Civil Engineer which reads that in the latest written update to the London Assembly, Crossrail chief executive Mark Wild revealed that 'many Crossrail Tier 1 contractors have started to demobilise their site teams'.

The written update says handover of the shafts and portals to TfL is underway, with North Woolwich Portal the latest to be handed over to TfL.

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Nicola Sturgeon has been accused of risking hundreds of jobs and jeopardising rail upgrades by refusing to

lift the ban on construction projects.

The article in The Sun (Scotland) says union chiefs have written to the First Minister warning skilled staff could ditch Scotland for England where works are ongoing.

Ms Sturgeon says she's got no interest in holding any work up longer than necessary, but she has to steer the ship forward in a way that is safe and doesn't allow the virus to do any more damage.

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More than 500 Transport for London staff received over £100,000 a year according to an article in Daily Star.

TfL bosses had 518 on the salary, with 114 getting over £150,000 in the 2018-19 tax year.

It has led to calls from The Taxpayers' Alliance for the London Mayor Sadiq Khan to 'stop the rise in top tier salaries'.

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The Stobart Group has announced it is withdrawing from the rail and civils business during the course of the next financial year.

In its latest results, the group says this side of the business was 'impacted by continuing costs on a legacy contract and is unlikely to generate an appropriate return for shareholders given the risks associated to it'.

The basis of the strategy will focus on aviation and realise value from the energy business.

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Finally, and anti-trap doors, reactive LED lighting and underfloor heating.

Just some of the innovative features on Greater Anglia's brand new electric commuter trains, currently being tested on the network.

The first is due to enter into passenger service later this year.

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