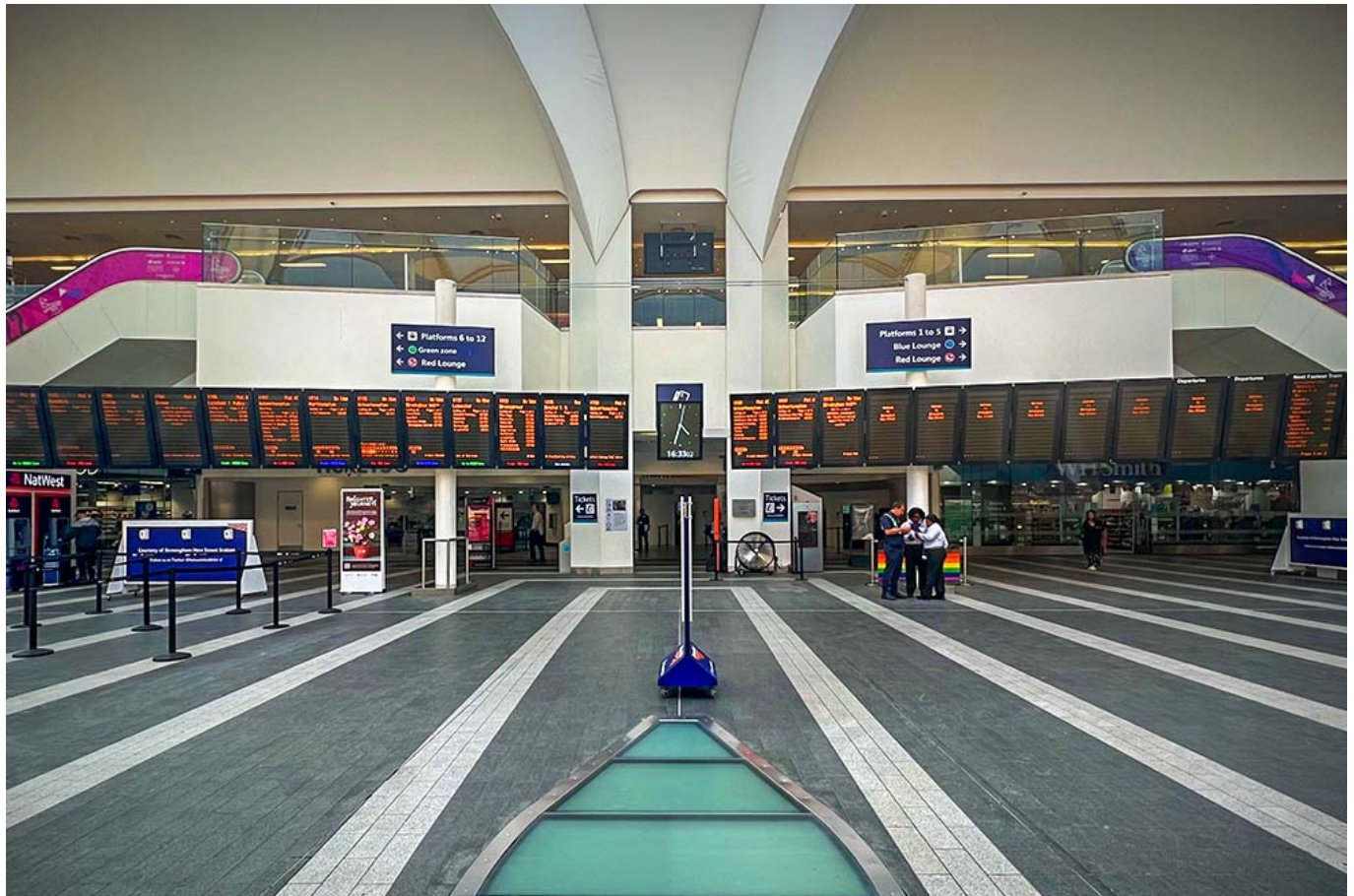


# Major stations closing as ASLEF action set for Saturday

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Major travel hubs have said they are closed during the drivers' strike this Saturday.

London Euston and Birmingham New Street have confirmed that where necessary parts of the station will be open to allow the flow of travellers.

## Birmingham New Street

Network Rail says trains will be running to or from Birmingham New Street on Saturday.

Members of the striking ASLEF union work for four out of five train companies which serve Britain's busiest station outside of London.

The advice from the four operators involved – Avanti West Coast, CrossCountry, London Northwestern Railway and West Midlands Railway – is do not travel.

Although Transport for Wales (TfW), the fifth operator which serves New Street, is not involved in the strike

its hourly service which runs through Birmingham New Street will terminate at either Shrewsbury or Wolverhampton.

TfW is advising customers to only travel between Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury if their journey is essential as services are likely to be extremely busy.

For detailed advice from individual train companies please use the following links:

- [Avanti West Coast's information page](#)
- [West Midlands Railways' information page](#)
- [London Northwestern Railway's information page](#)
- [CrossCountry's information page](#)
- [Transport for Wales' information page](#)

People will still be able to access the station concourse which provides a key pedestrian route across the city centre, but all ticket gates will be closed with no access to platforms. Network Rail staff will also be on hand to help.

Martin Colmey, operations director for Network Rail's Central route, said: "It's frustrating and disappointing that Birmingham New Street will be closed this Saturday because of the train drivers' strike. We will have staff on hand to help people passing through the station but please be patient on what will be a very difficult day for everyone. Our advice is to contact your train operator for the latest information on ticketing, services and refunds. The National Rail Enquiries website at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) is the best place to plan your journey for a different day."

Chiltern Railways is not affected by the strike but is advising customers to only travel if absolutely essential because of the knock-on impact on its services.

Trains will be extremely busy and customers should expect delays and short notice cancellations on Chiltern Railways services

As this industrial action affects trains right across the country, people are also advised against travelling on other routes with limited services on most of the network.

All routes between London and the Midlands, the North and Scotland will be heavily impacted. The advice is to keep up-to-date with the latest at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or with individual train operators.

The railway will reopen on Sunday 14 August and passengers should check before they travel for the latest information.

## London Euston

No trains will be running to or from London Euston station this Saturday.

For detailed advice from Euston's train operators please use the following links:

- [Avanti West Coast's information page](#)
- [London Northwestern Railway's information page](#)
- [Transport for London's information page](#)

People will still be able to access the external entrance and exit to the London Underground but Euston's entrances and exits will be closed with Network Rail staff on hand to help.

James Dean, Network Rail West Coast South route director, said: "We're sorry to passengers who'll be impacted by the ASLEF strike by train drivers this Saturday. With the majority of Euston's train operators involved we've taken the difficult decision to close the station all day. I'd please urge people to follow the advice of their train operator for information on ticketing and refunds. You can also plan your journey for an alternative day by using the National Rail Enquiries website at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)."

## Saturday services

The Rail Delivery Group has issued the following guide to help people see if they can travel on Saturday.

## Travelling on Saturday 13 August?

Due to industrial action on some parts of the network, you may experience significant disruption on Saturday 13 August and into the morning of Sunday 14 August.

Check before  
you travel



Avoid  
travel

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stanstedexpress

Limited routes  
available. Only travel  
if absolutely  
necessary



No services are  
running, seek other  
modes of transport



Do not travel



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