

TSSA calls off strike action in order to pursue constructive talks with Network Rail

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The **TSSA** has called off its upcoming strike action, in order to progress constructive talks with **Network Rail**.

Strikes were due to take place on Saturday (5 November), Monday (7 November) and Wednesday (9 November), however the union has withdrawn plans for some industrial action.

TSSA strike action is still set to take place at Avanti West Coast, East Midlands Railway, c2c, South Western Railway and Southeastern Railway, where workers will walk out on the 5 November and 9 November. The RMT union are still holding firm on industrial action, and no changes have been made to their plans for strikes.

TSSA organising director, Luke Chester said: “We have always said that where constructive talks are taking place, we will refrain from taking industrial action. Where employers, and/or the government are blocking progress we have no choice but to continue with a program of disruption.

“Our aim has always been to reach a point where we could secure an acceptable offer and we are now

reaching that point in negotiations, with what are intensive and detailed discussions.

“Be in no doubt – if Network Rail fail to make sufficient progress to resolve this dispute, we will not hesitate to call further industrial action to protect our brilliant members.

“We do not strike lightly, and the government should take heed and allow the train companies under their control to come to the table with serious proposals. “

Tim Shoveller, Network Rail’s chief negotiator, said: “The last week has seen some intensive talks and progress and we are keen to keep talking to find a solution.

“We welcome the TSSA suspension of action giving talks the best opportunity to find a deal.”