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28th April 2011

90049 in the new Freightliner livery has made its debut on the loco hauled 'Pendolino' circuit today. It started initially with the normally FO 'shakedown' run from Wembley to Northampton and return before working 18.43 London Euston to Crewe via Birmingham New Street.

London Midland have recently announced proposals to restore the Down Fast Platform at Bushey which was destroyed in a derailment involving 87007 *City of Manchester* with the 20.25 London Euston to Manchester Piccadilly on 16th February 1980. Currently when a two-track railway is in operation and only the Fast Lines are open, down services are unable to call at Bushey, which leads to the station receiving an irregular mainline service late evenings and overnight Saturday/Sunday mornings.

6th April 2011

390054, the first 11-car Pendolino has been running on test on the West Coast Main Line yesterday and today visiting various locations to test platform lengths and other operational matters. It has operated to a variety of West Coast destinations including Crewe, Stafford, Rugby, Milton Keynes Central, Watford Junction and Euston.