

## News story: ASLEF meeting constructive, strikes remain suspended

Strikes remain suspended after Transport Secretary holds constructive talks with ASLEF union.

Planned strike action by ASLEF members on Southern Rail remains suspended after the Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling, held constructive talks with the union. The talks were aimed at re-starting the negotiations between the company and the union.

The union called off strikes on Southern Rail on 1, 2 and 4 August 2017 and lifted a ban on overtime and rest day working to meet the Transport Secretary.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling said:

We're doing everything we can to resolve the situation on Southern and get passengers the high quality rail services that they deserve.

I was pleased to have a constructive meeting with ASLEF today and I hope it paves the way for the reopening of negotiations between the union and Southern so we can sort out this situation and get services back to normal for passengers.