

Our approach to powering EWR trains

East West Rail will be a new, environmentally sustainable way to travel across the region that helps take cars and lorries off local roads, resulting in cleaner air, safer roads and less congestion.

Protecting the environment is a fundamental part of our decision-making and we remain committed to the environmental principles we outlined as part of the 2021 consultation. This includes our ambition to be a net-zero carbon railway by the time East West Rail is fully operational between Oxford-Cambridge and ahead of the Government's commitment on decarbonisation by 2040.

With this in mind, we are working closely with Government and the Department for Transport to agree on the sustainable technology that will power our long-term fleet.

Until Government reaches a decision on the long-term fleet, a limited number of diesel-powered trains will run between Oxford and Bletchley/Milton Keynes when this section is completed by 2025. This temporary solution

will allow us to commence services as soon as the line is built, enabling us to deliver immediate benefits to commuters along this section, while taking many cars and lorries off the road, reducing congestion, and lowering overall emissions in the area.

These diesel-powered trains will be used in this section while the rest of the line between Oxford and Cambridge is completed. Once built, this diesel rolling stock will be replaced by the sustainably powered trains.

Work to inform our traction power strategy is ongoing and further details will be presented at the statutory consultation, which we expect will take place in the first half of 2024.

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