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East West Railway Company

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Housekeeping

Thank you for joining

This 90-minute session on Zoom will include a short recap on the proposals we're consulting on and address some of the key questions, issues and themes raised so far during the consultation. We will finish the meeting with a Q&A session.

We'd be grateful if you could display your full name on your username – this can be done through the 'Participants' section.

Please turn your camera on but be on mute unless you're asking a question during the Q&A.

If you have questions during the presentations, please put these in the chat bar.

Please use the 'Raise Hand' function in Zoom to ask a question during the Q&A, found in the bottom ribbon (sometimes found under the 'Reactions' option).



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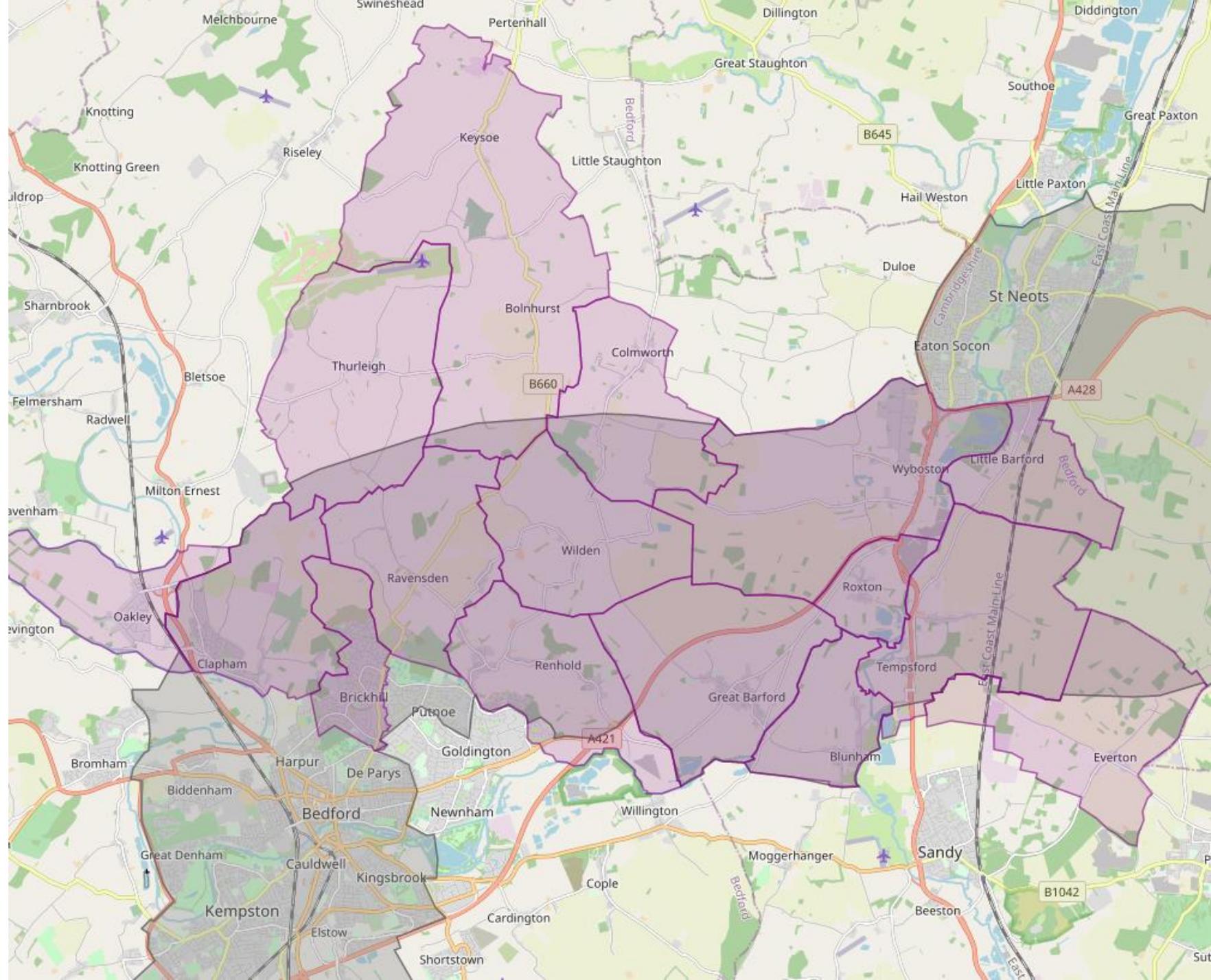


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Who have we invited today?

Parishes

- Blunham Parish Council
- Bolnhurst and Keysoe Parish Council
- Brickhill Parish Council
- Clapham Parish Council
- Colmworth Parish Council
- Everton Parish Council
- Great Barford Parish Council
- Little Barford Parish Council
- Oakley Parish Council
- Ravensden Parish Council
- Renhold Parish Council
- Roxton Parish Council
- Tempsford Parish Council
- Thurleigh Parish Council
- Wilden Parish Council
- Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden Parish Council



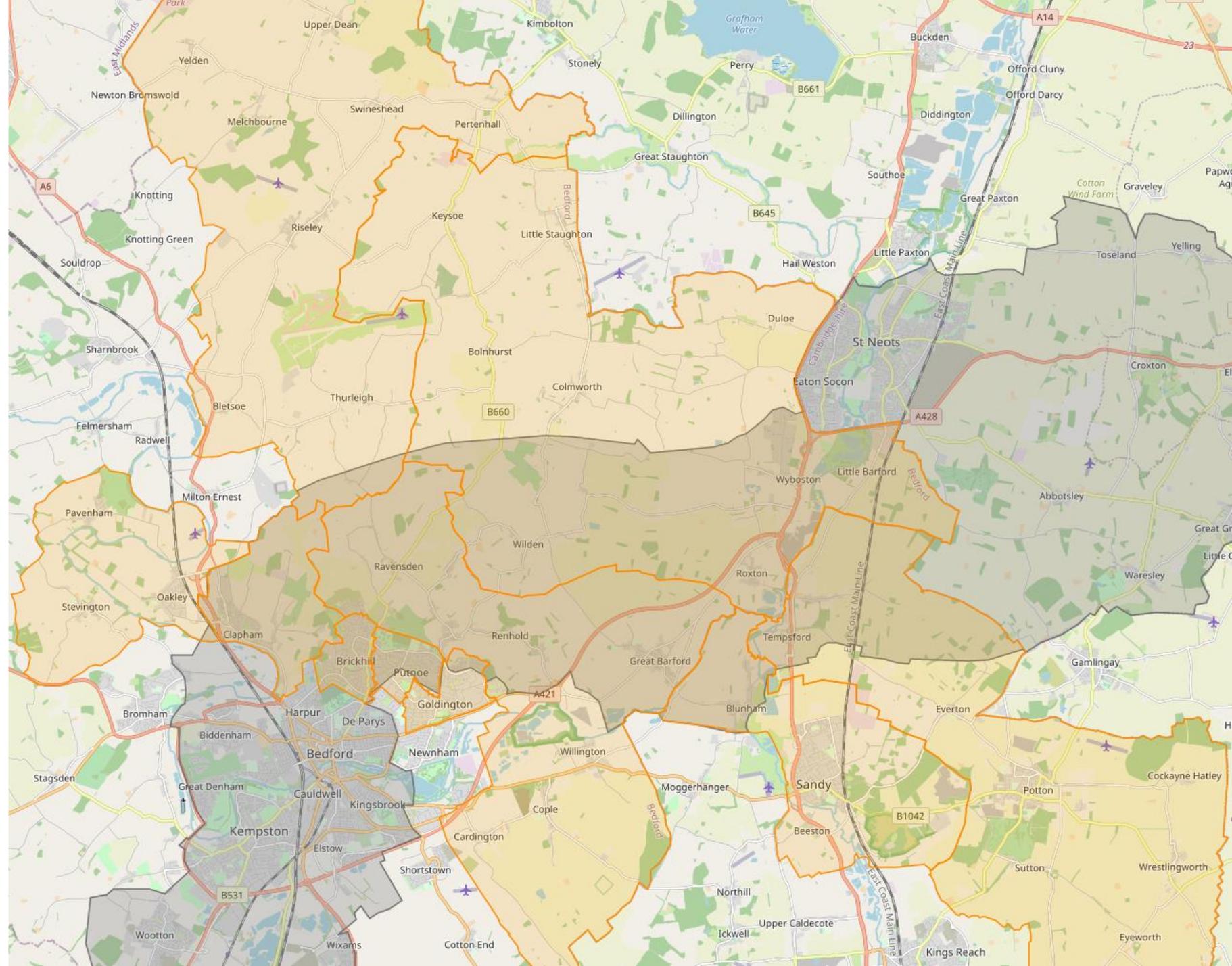
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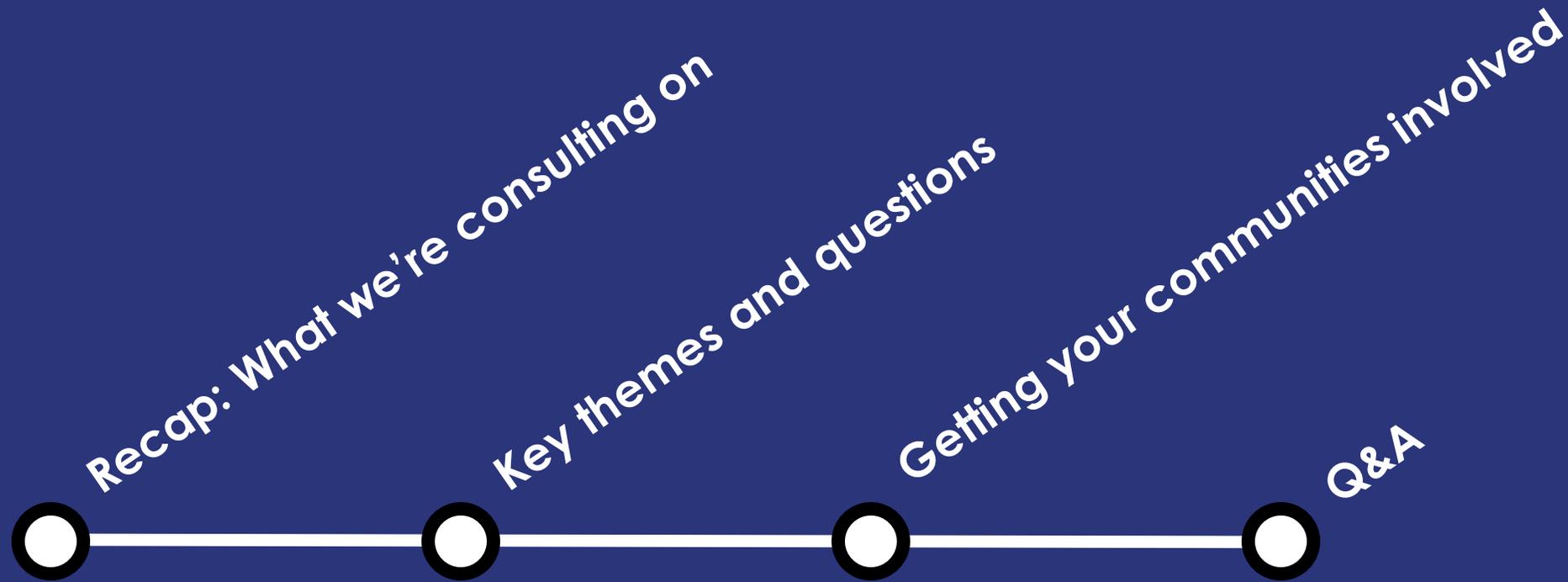
- Brickhill
- Clapham
- Goldington
- Great Barford
- Oakley
- Putnoe
- Riseley
- Wyboston

Central Bedfordshire Council

- Sandy
- Potton



What we'll cover today





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Non-statutory public consultation

31 March – 9 June 2021

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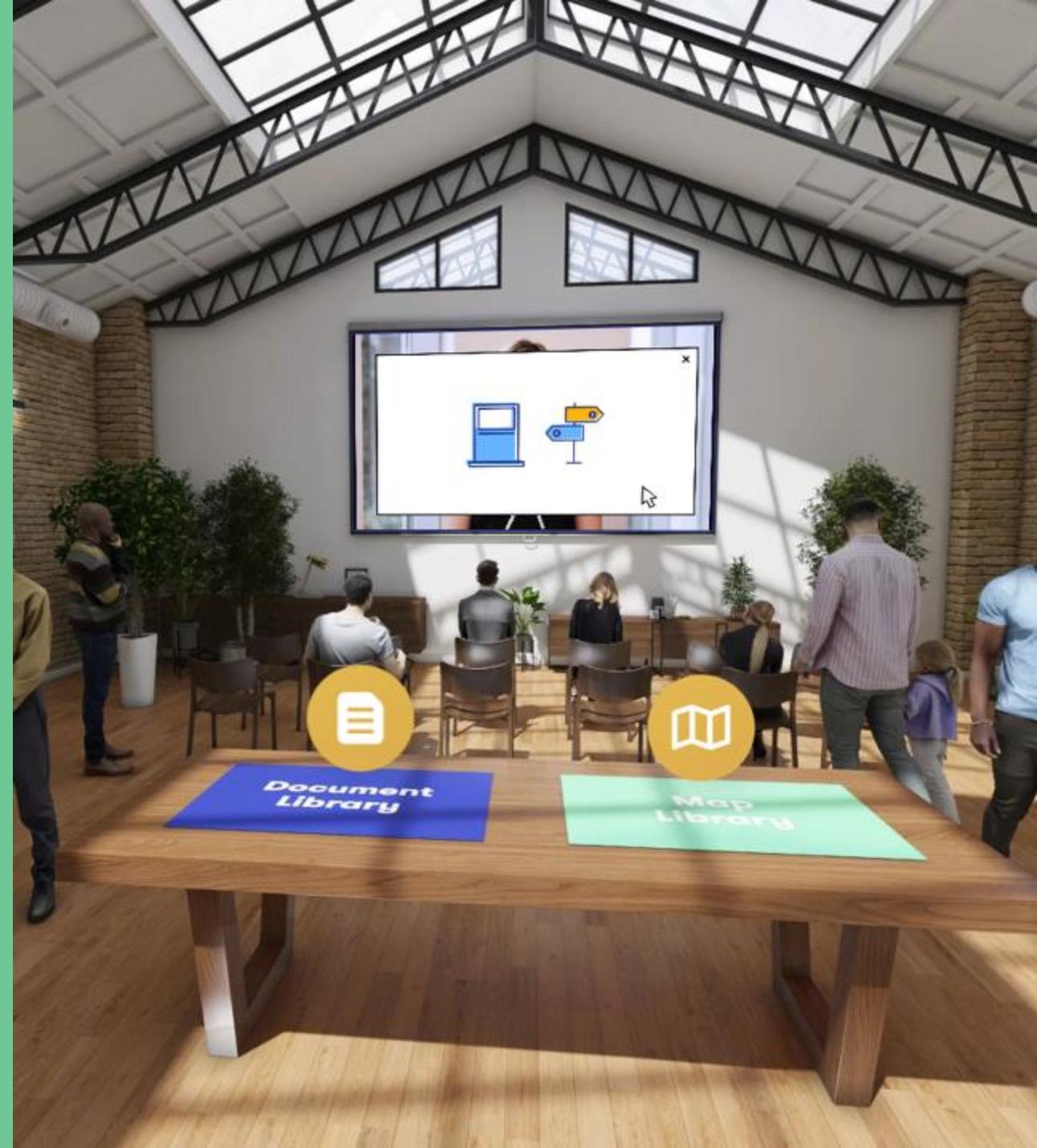
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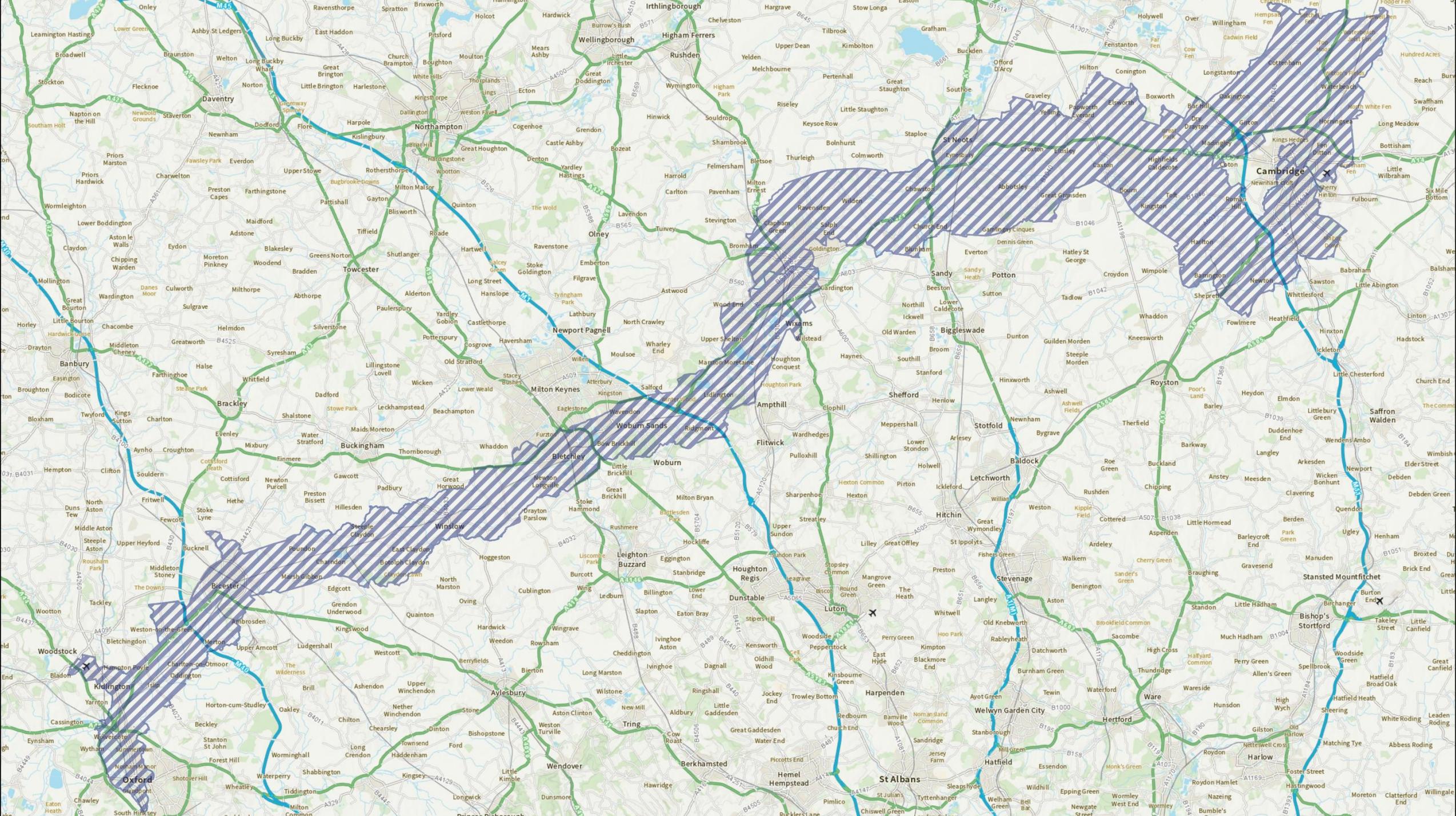
What we are consulting on

This 10-week consultation is an opportunity for you to share your thoughts on emerging proposals for East West Rail and your views on the broader scheme.

The consultation document covers the following key sections:

- Customer experience and railway operations
- Proposed infrastructure development
 - Oxford to Bicester
 - Bletchley and the Marston Vale Line
 - Bedford
 - Clapham Green to The Eversdens
 - Harlton to Hauxton
 - The Shelfords to Cambridge station







Customer experience and railway operations

Concept of Experience

Focusing on the end-to-end customer journey



Not just at the station or onboard in isolation

What we're consulting on

Customer experience and railway operations

As part of developing the customer experience, we are keeping our minds completely open about what we might be able to offer.

We are looking for feedback on what our customers think would make positive differences to their customer travel experience.



The train service



Station experience



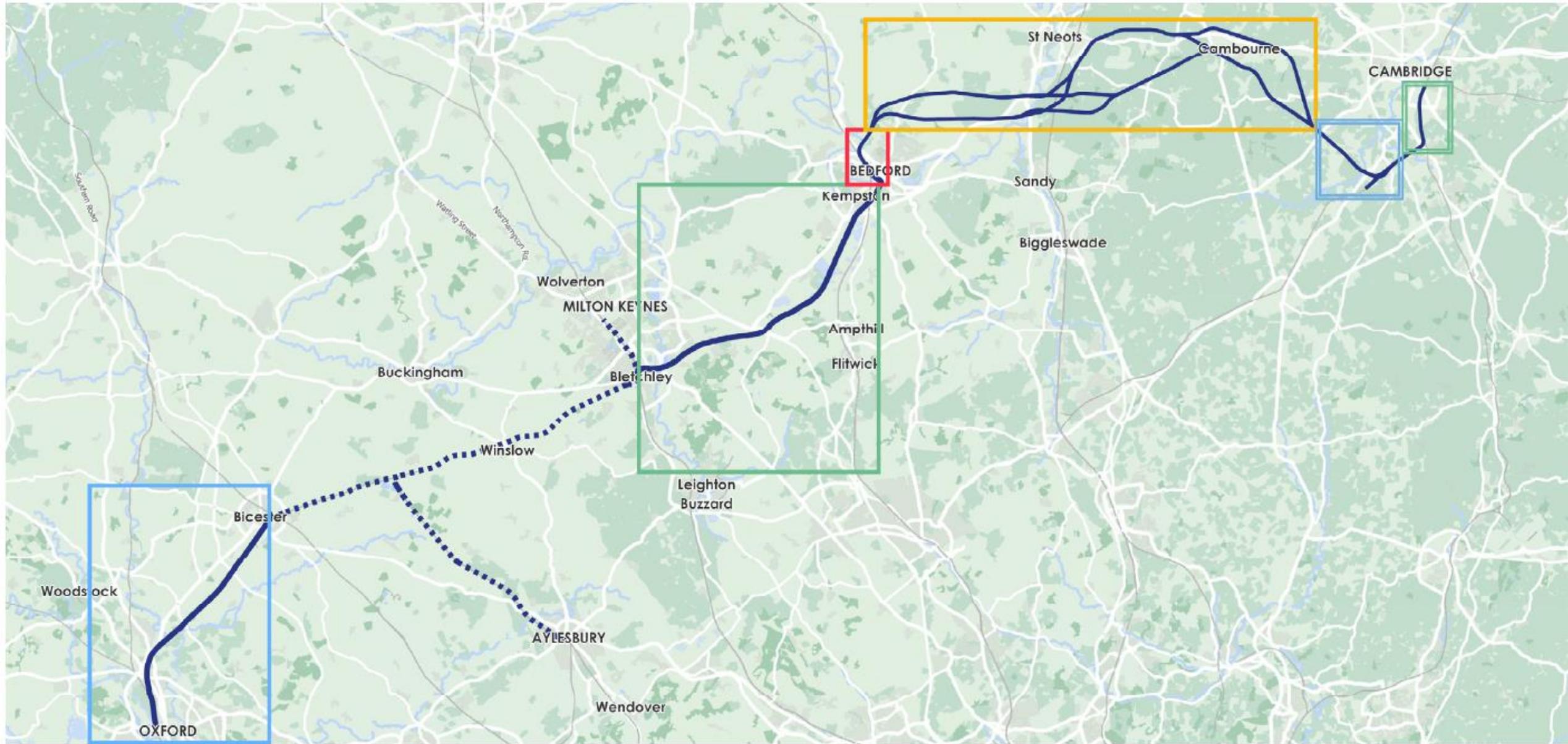
On train experience



Interaction with railway customer service teams



Customer information



Project section A:
Oxford to Bicester

Project section B:
Bletchley & Marston Vale Line

Project section C:
Bedford

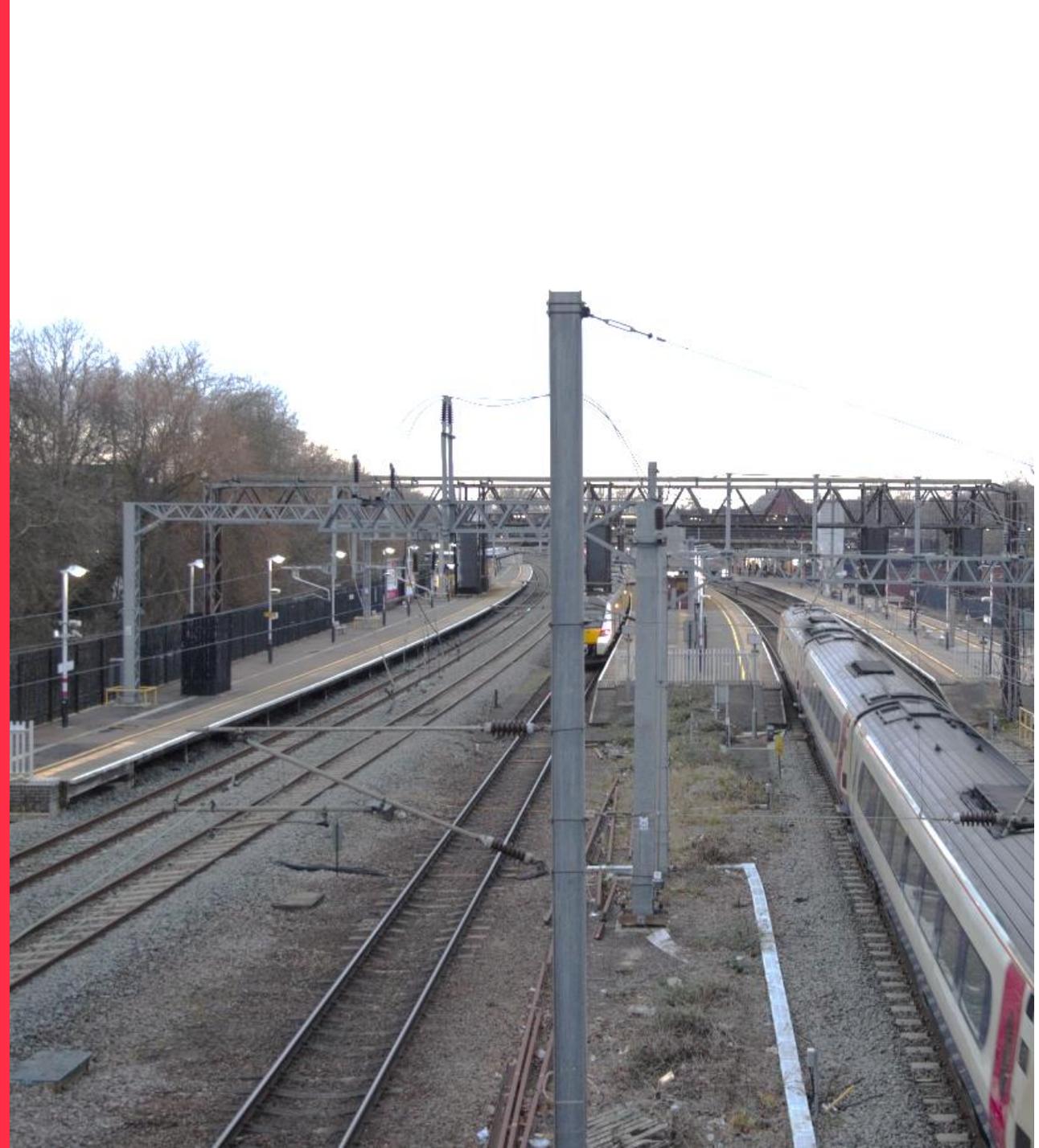
Project section D:
Clapham Green to The Eversdens

Project section E:
Harlington to Hauxton

Project section F:
The Shelfords to Cambridge

Section C

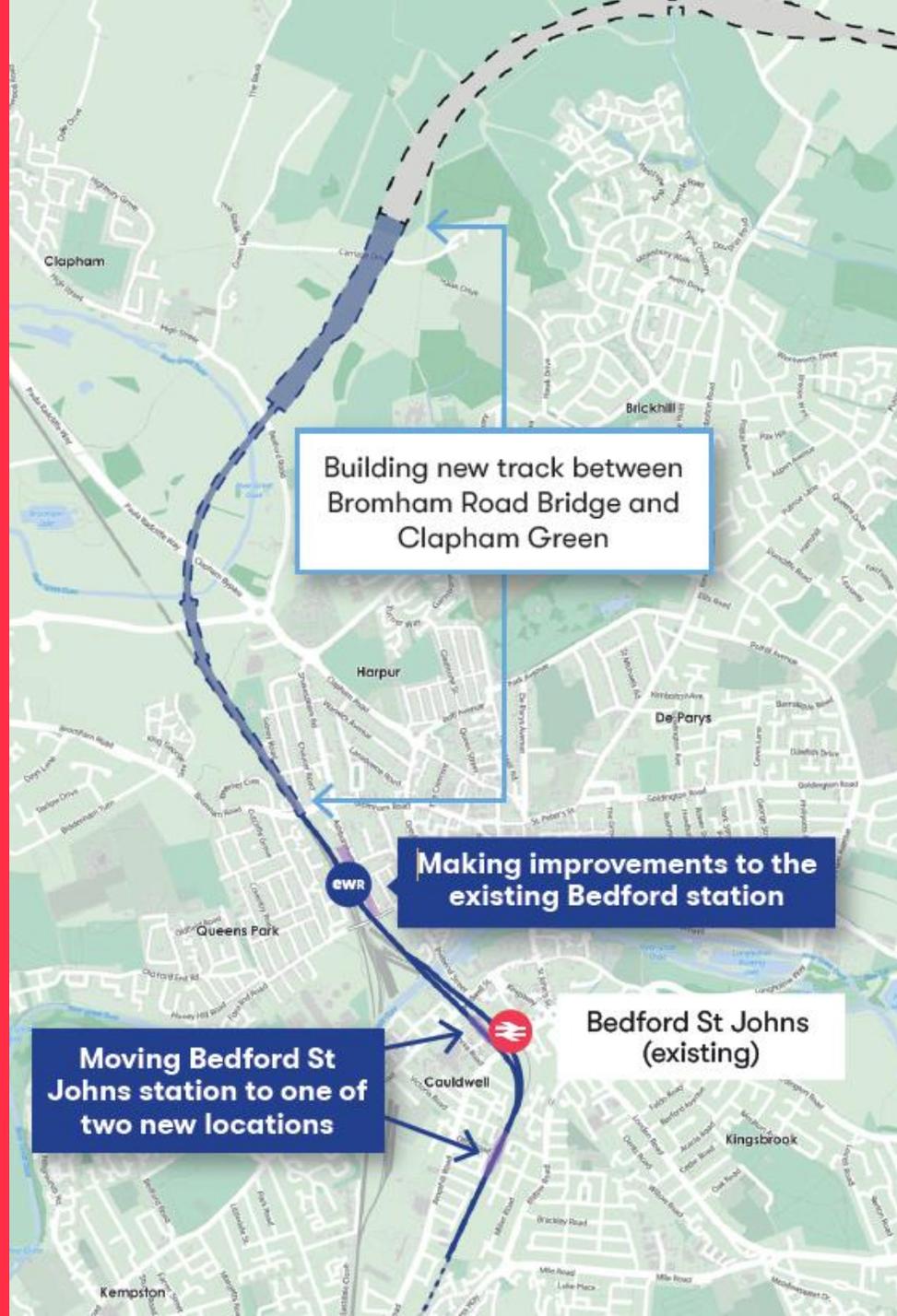
Bedford



Bedford

- **Bedford St Johns station:** a new station on a different section of track into Bedford, either closer to the hospital or to the south west of the existing station, close to the Ampthill Road – Elstow Road Pedestrian Link bridge
- **Bedford station:** building new track to Bromham Road Bridge. The existing station building is proposed to be demolished and a new station building would be built
- **North Bedford:** building new track in between Bromham Road Bridge and Clapham Green, creating the new connection to Cambridge.

More information can be found in Section C of the consultation document

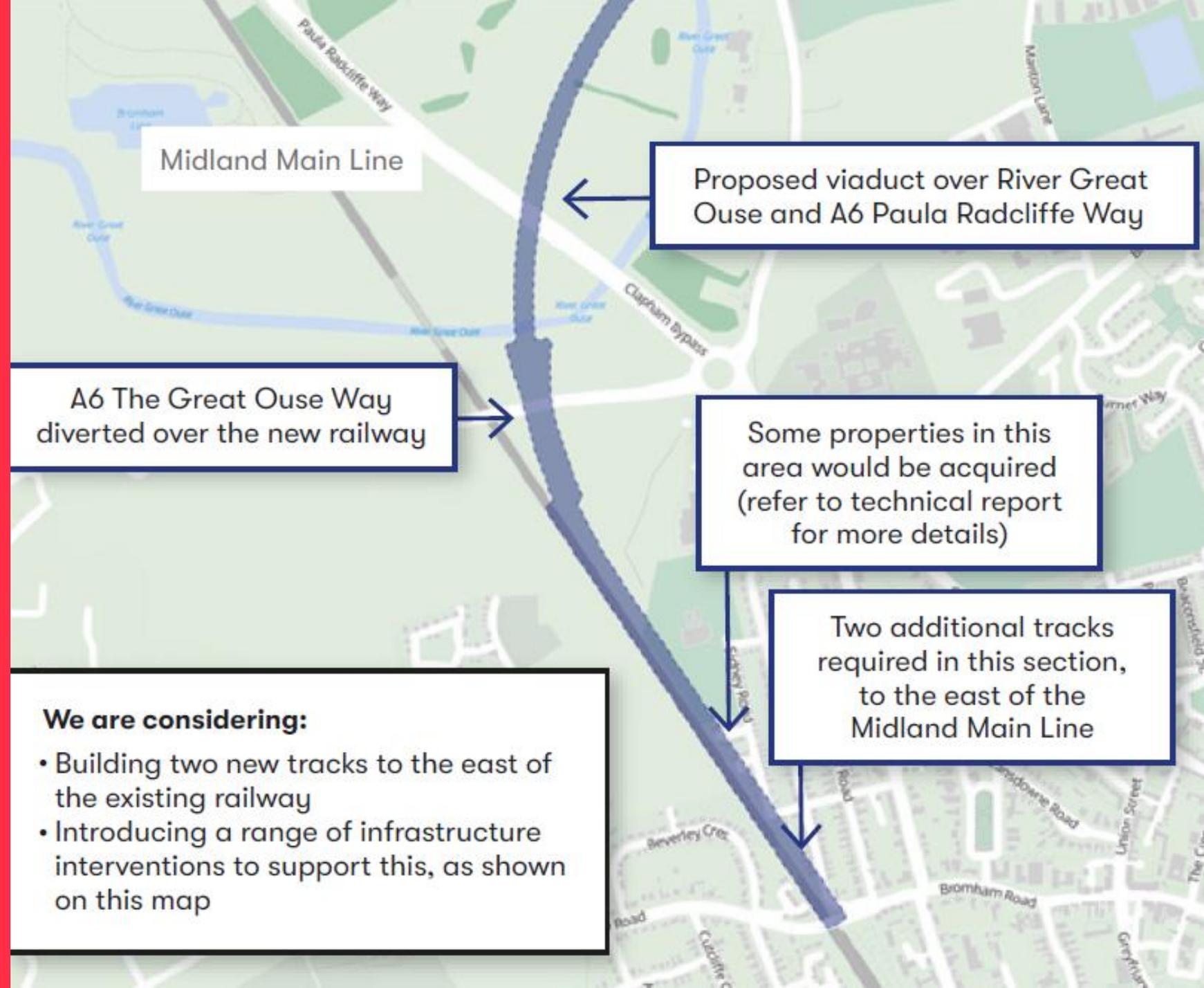


Legend

-  East West Rail – Bedford Area
-  Station used by East West Rail services
-  East West Rail Alignment – North Bedford
-  Indicative search area for proposed new Bedford station building and its access

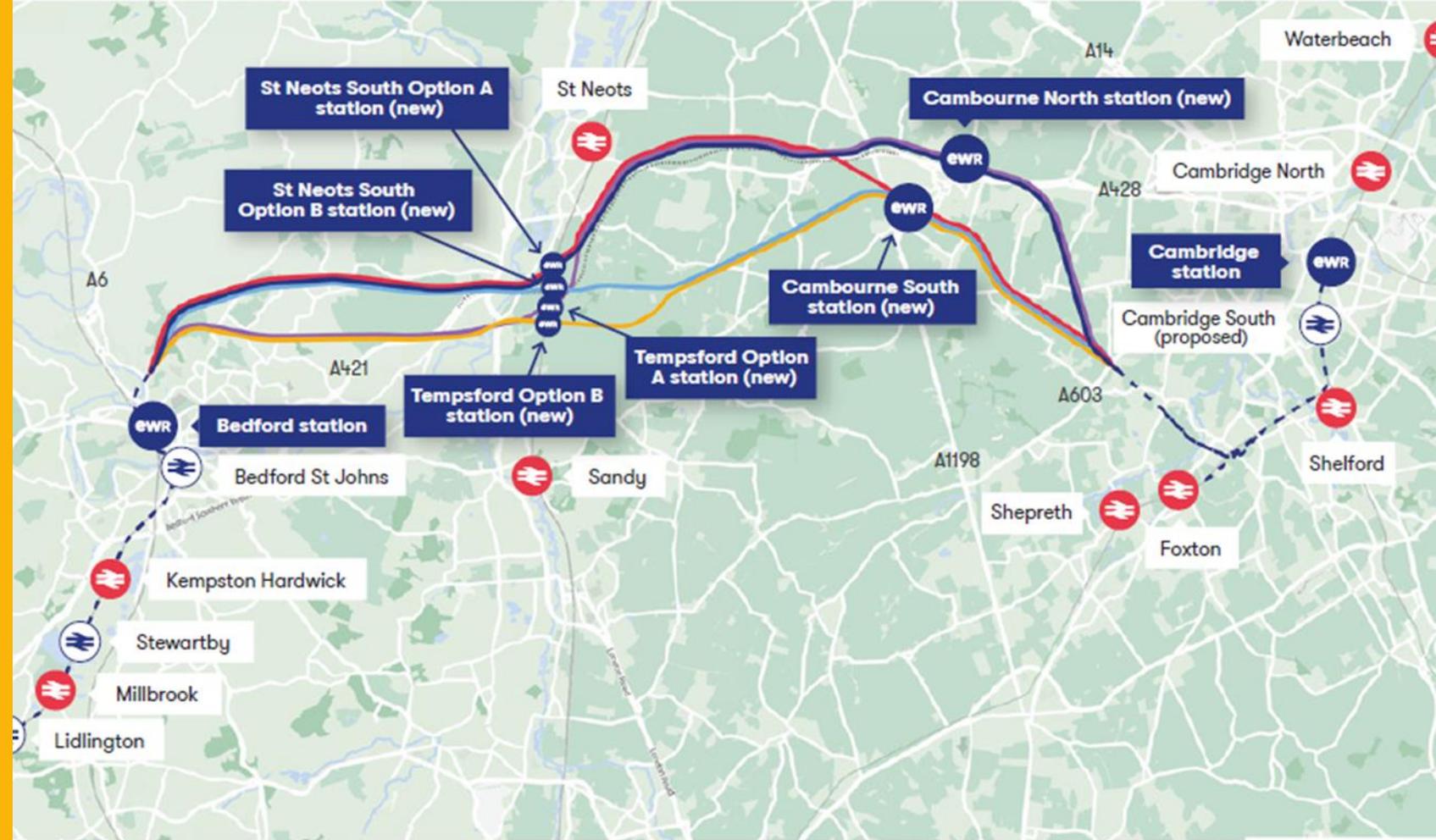
North Bedford

- To enable EWR services to run through Bedford and connect people with Cambridge, some significant infrastructure improvements would be required
- The existing Midland Main Line track north of Bedford station has seen substantial growth and is already well used with both freight and passenger trains
- Our emerging preferred option is to build two new tracks to the east side of the existing railway through Bromham Road Bridge and following the existing railway as far as the UK Power Networks Substation at Fairhill.



Section D

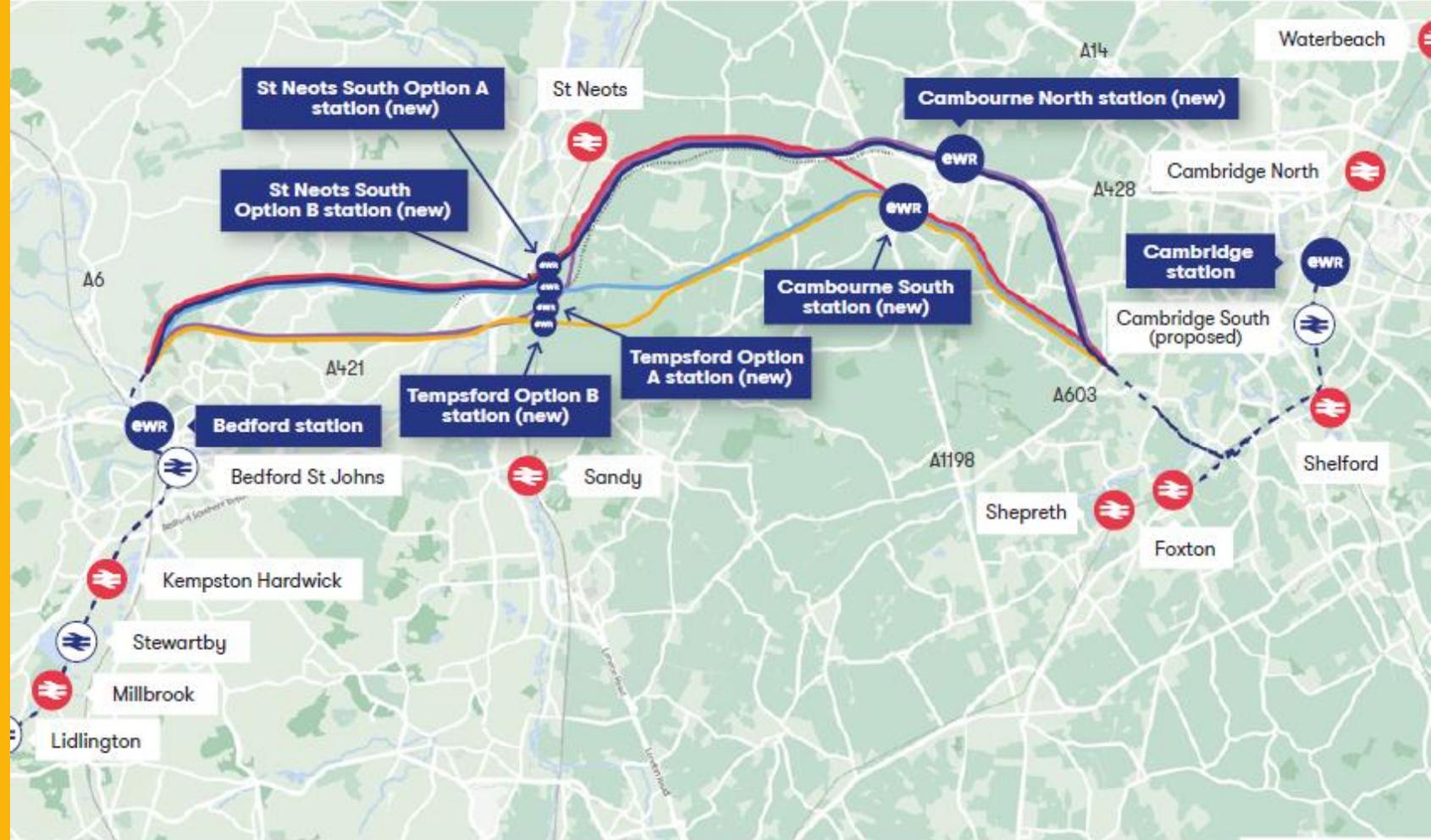
Clapham Green to The Eversdens



Legend

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|  Route Alignment 1 - Emerging preference
St Neots South Option A station to Camboorne North station |  Route Alignment 6
St Neots South Option B station to Camboorne South station |  Route Alignment 9 - Emerging preference
Tempford Option A station to Camboorne North station |
|  Route Alignment 2
St Neots South Option A station to Camboorne South station |  Route Alignment 8
Tempford Option B station to Camboorne South station |  Other area of East West Rail |
|  National Rail station |  Station used by East West Rail services |  Station that may be used by East West Rail services |
| | |  Proposed A428 Alignment |

We have shortlisted five options for the route alignment in this section



Legend

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Your questions answered

This section covers a range of questions, themes and issues that we have heard during public consultation



Your questions answered

Route options and route alignment options



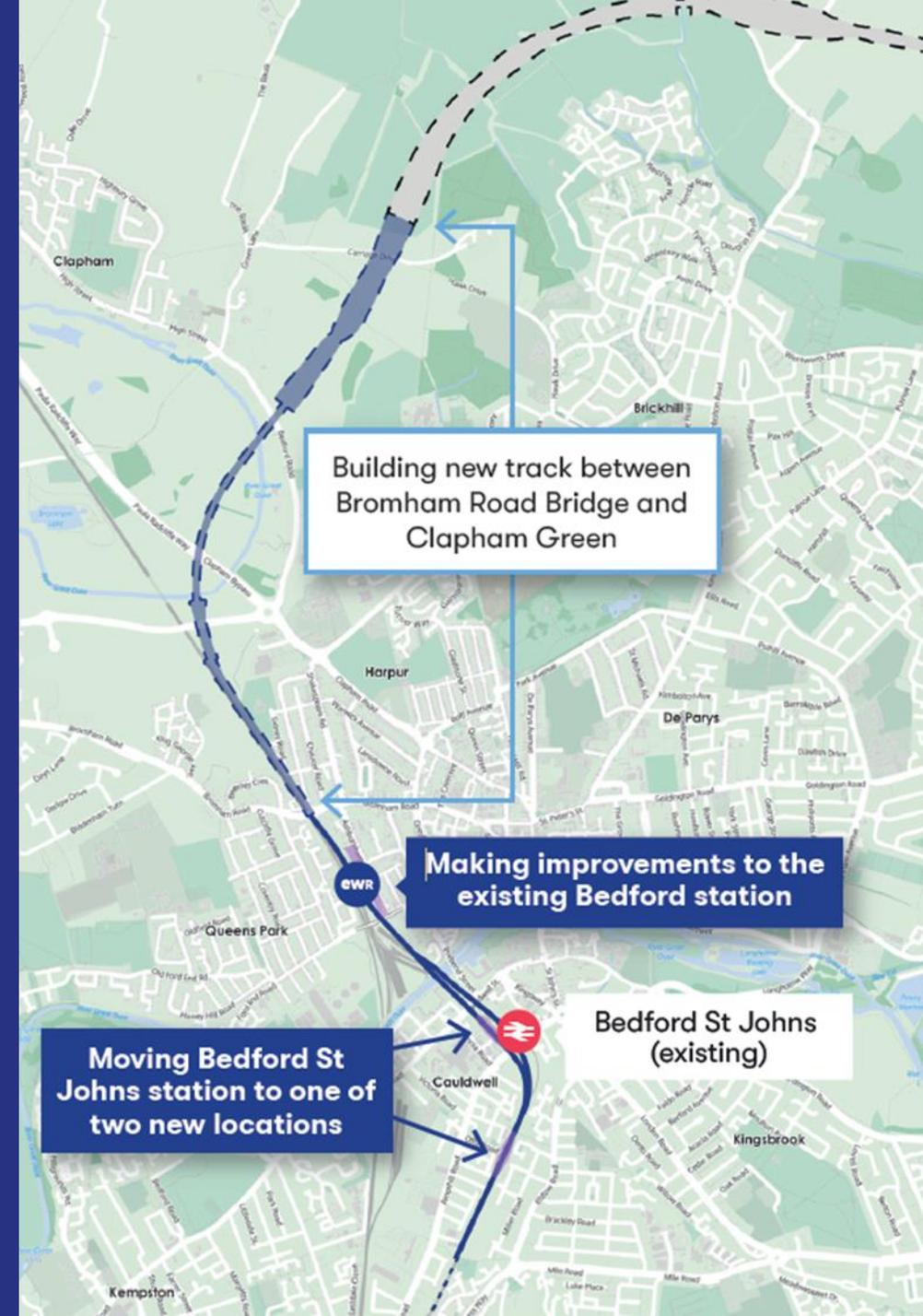
Your questions answered – route alignment options

- If you are aligning with the road developments (like with the A428 further east) then why don't you follow the A421 to Black Cat?
- Why in route alignments 1,2 and 6 are you running so close to Wilden High Street, impacting the whole village when you could go 50m further north and it would be much better for the village and you wouldn't need to CPO so many houses or be so close to them?
- Are all cost elements for route E included in the latest costings or are other parties paying for any significant constructions such as reconstruction and expansion of Bedford station?



Your questions answered

Design proposals



Your questions answered – design proposals

- I do not understand the need to build two extra tracks within the built up area of North Bedford. This will cause huge damage to the local community. Why can't the two extra tracks be introduced north of the urban community areas of Bedford and avoid this damage?
- How will the viaduct proposed to run across the A6, Paula Radcliffe Way and Clapham Road be designed sensitively to match its historic surroundings?



Your questions
answered

Impact on
property



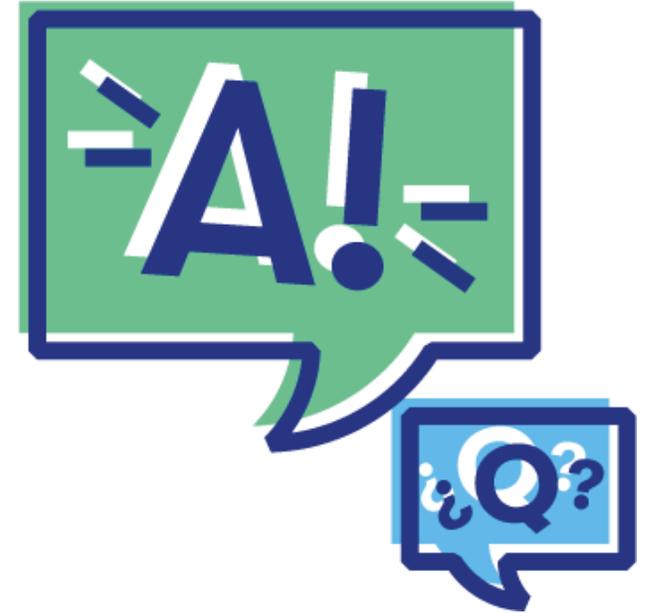
Information for landowners

To construct and operate the new East West Rail line, some of the proposals put forward for consultation will affect people's homes, businesses and farms.

- During this consultation period, the EWR Land and Property team has been consulting with those landowners whose land could be potentially required for our proposals
- Meetings have been held in order to provide further information on the consultation process, the wider project, indicative timeframes and next steps
- We are engaging with the wider community to understand how we can reduce our negative impact and determine what mitigation measures can be implemented
- We are consulting on a discretionary purchase scheme, the Need to Sell Scheme, that, if introduced, would support owner occupiers once the announcement of the preferred route alignment for the railway has been made
- We have a dedicated team in place who are focused on how the proposals will affect people's homes, businesses and farms. More information on how to contact them is available on our website at eastwestrail.co.uk

Your questions answered – impact on property

- Has EWR yet written to all residents of properties threatened with demolition?
- Has EWR produced and made available documents in the first languages of residents whose homes are threatened with demolition?
- Are you looking to purchase any other houses/property in Bedford other than in Poets area?



Your questions
answered

Won't this
damage the
environment?



Your questions on the environment

- What about the environmental damage? Your preferred line is going right through Clapham Woods.
- Regarding the proposed embankments in Clapham, the viaduct/rail line is 15m above carriageway. Have noise contours been provided so we can understand the noise impact on local residents?
- I am very concerned over the extra risk of flooding. We were flooded in Clapham at Christmas , and major infrastructure works in the case of piling for a viaduct could affect the water table. Added to the imminent construction of 500 houses I have massive concerns over placement of surface water .



Your questions answered

What are the
plans for freight?



Your questions on freight

- Will the line that passes through Clapham be used for overnight freight?



Your questions answered

Our approach to consultation



Your questions answered – approach to consultation

- Will you extend the consultation to allow for face-to-face events?
- How will you analyse feedback from consultation and rank the concepts?
- When will we know which concepts have been selected?



How your communities can get involved

There are lots of different ways to get involved in the consultation, including:



Virtual consultation rooms – open until 9 June 2021 which provide more information on each section of the consultation, including a full list of documents and maps available via the central table



Live chat events open to the public – a series of 16, two-hour live chat sessions held via the virtual consultation rooms, where participants will be able to discuss key topics directly with members of the project team



Dedicated phone line – the EWR Co telephone line will be available throughout the consultation period to enable those not wanting or able to engage online or in writing to speak to members of the Project team. The telephone number is **0330 134 0067**



Feedback form – we encourage respondents to use the online feedback form to share views by 9 June 2021.

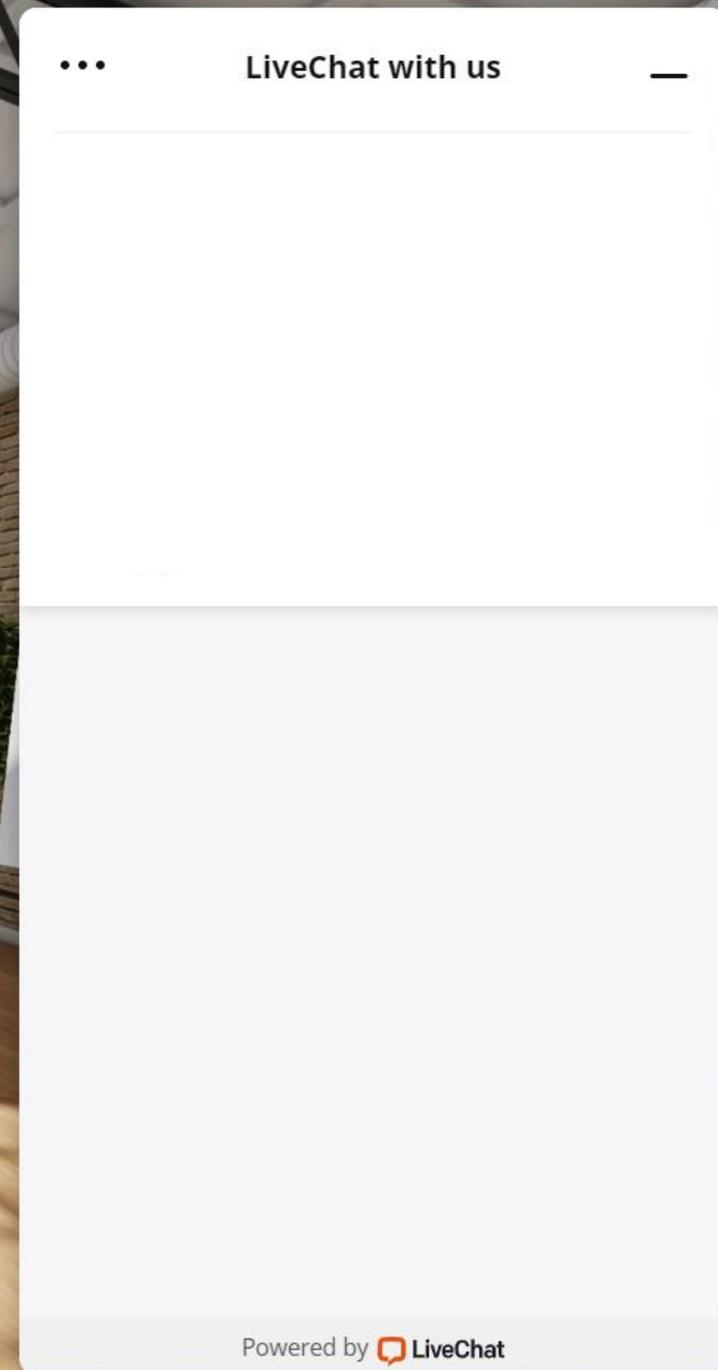
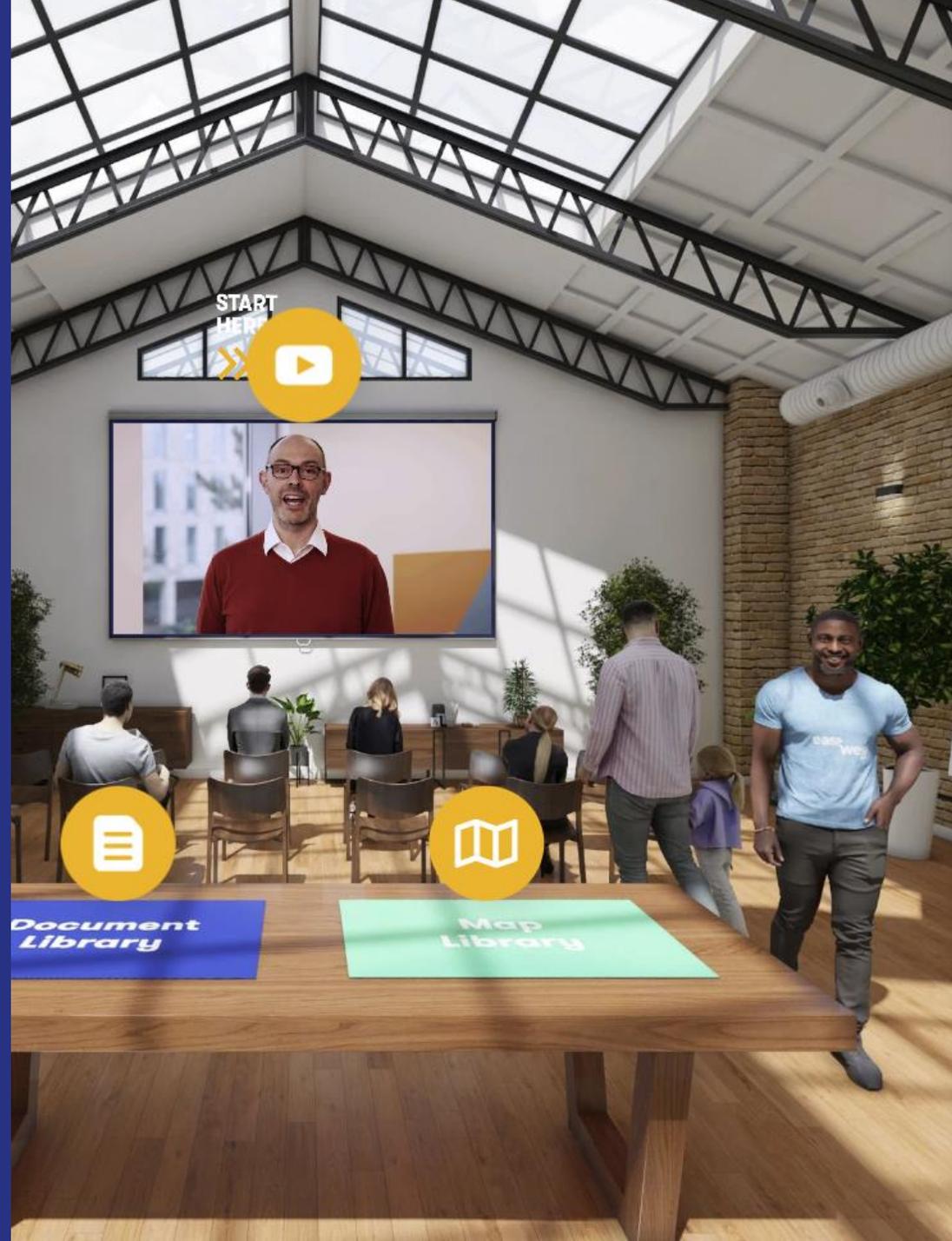
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How your residents can respond to this consultation

We're keen to understand what you and your residents think about the emerging proposals for the Project.

Feedback forms can be submitted online by emailing us at consultation@eastwestrail.co.uk or sent by post to **Freepost EAST WEST RAIL**

For further information, or to request a paper copy of the form to be sent to you, speak to the team by emailing us at contact@eastwestrail.co.uk or by calling us on **0330 134 0067**



Questions & Answers



What next?

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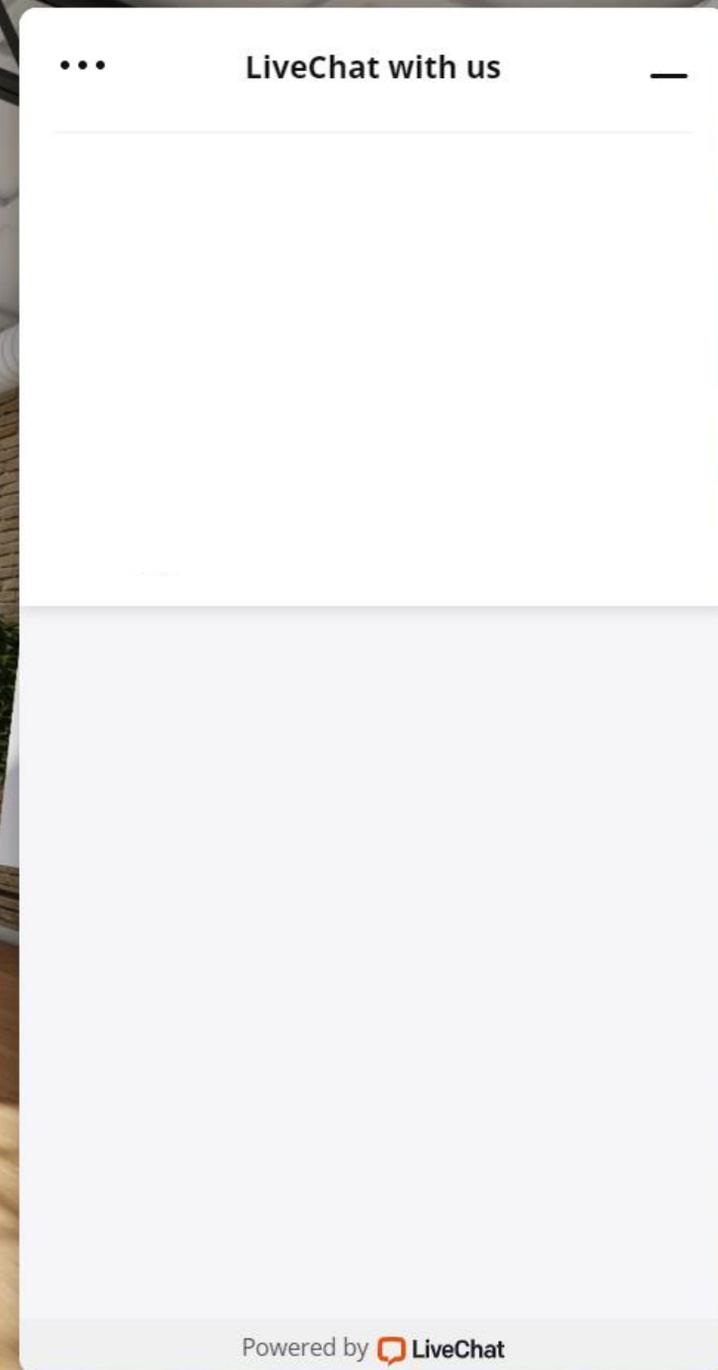
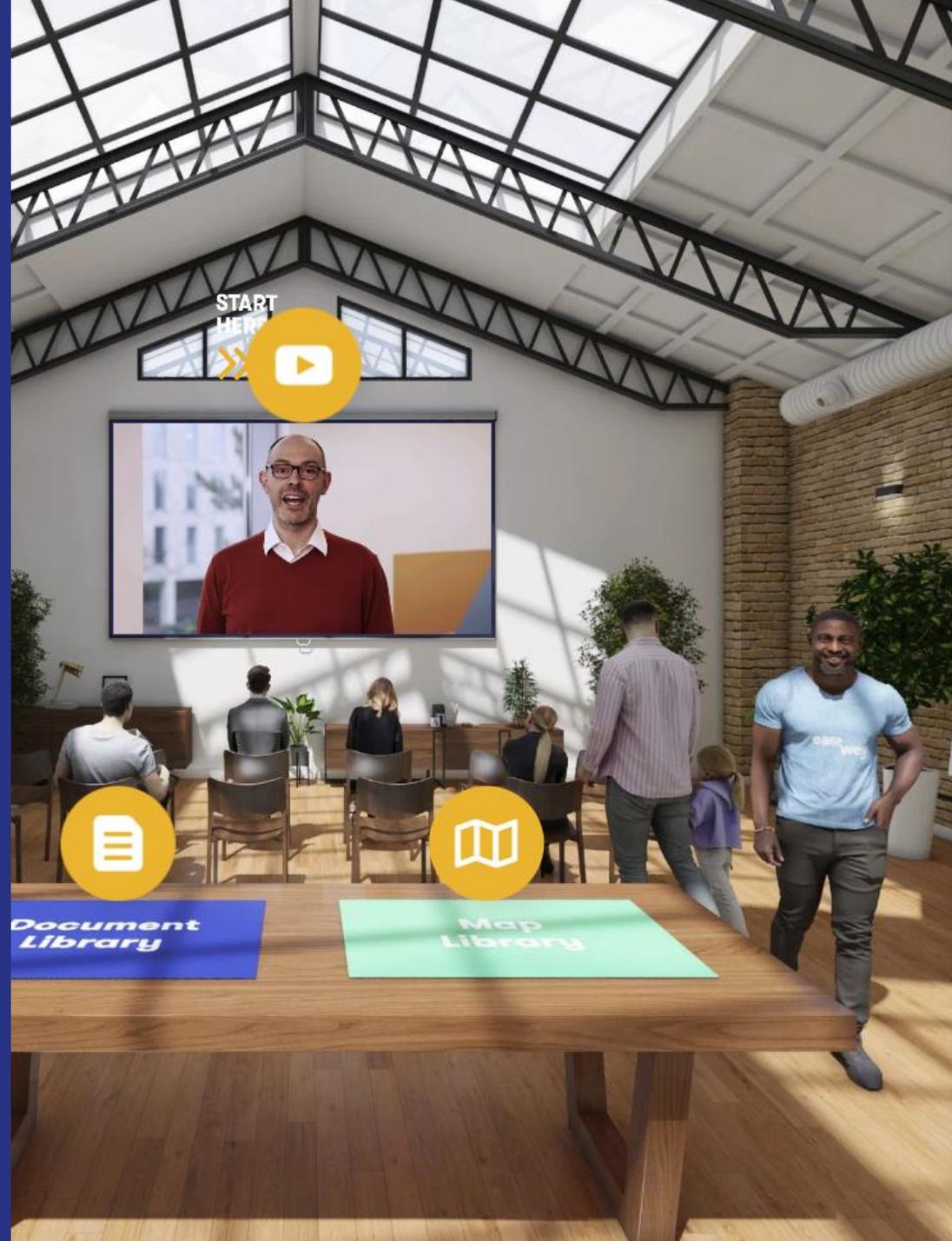
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