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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.

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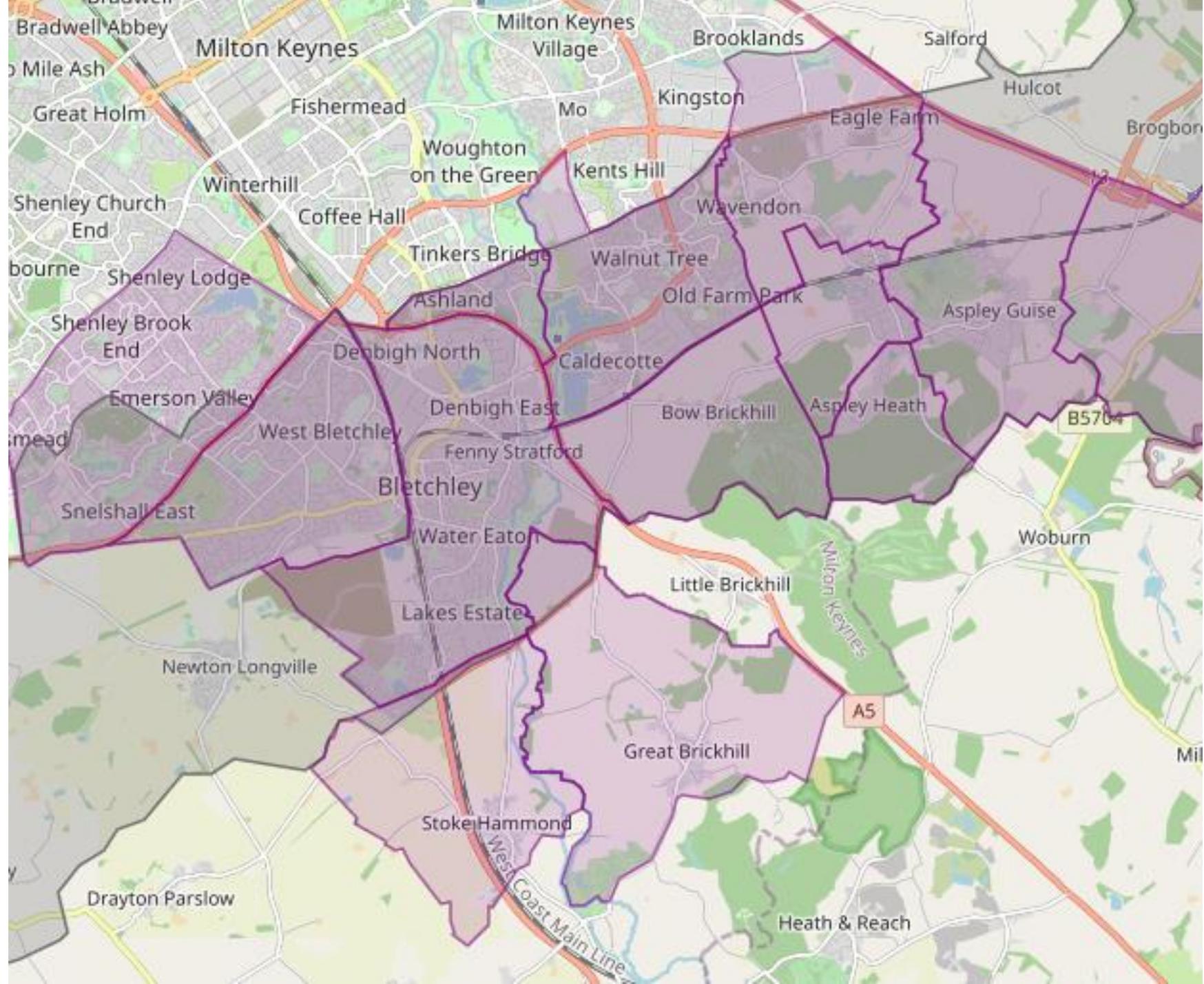


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Who have we invited today?

Parishes

- Aspley Guise Parish Council
- Aspley Heath Parish Council
- Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council
- Bow Brickhill Parish Council
- Great Brickhill Parish Council
- Husborne Crawley Parish Council
- Shenley Brook End Parish Council
- Simpson and Ashland Parish Council
- Stoke Hammond Parish Council
- Walton Parish Council
- Wavendon Parish Council
- West Bletchley Parish Council
- Woburn Sands Parish Council



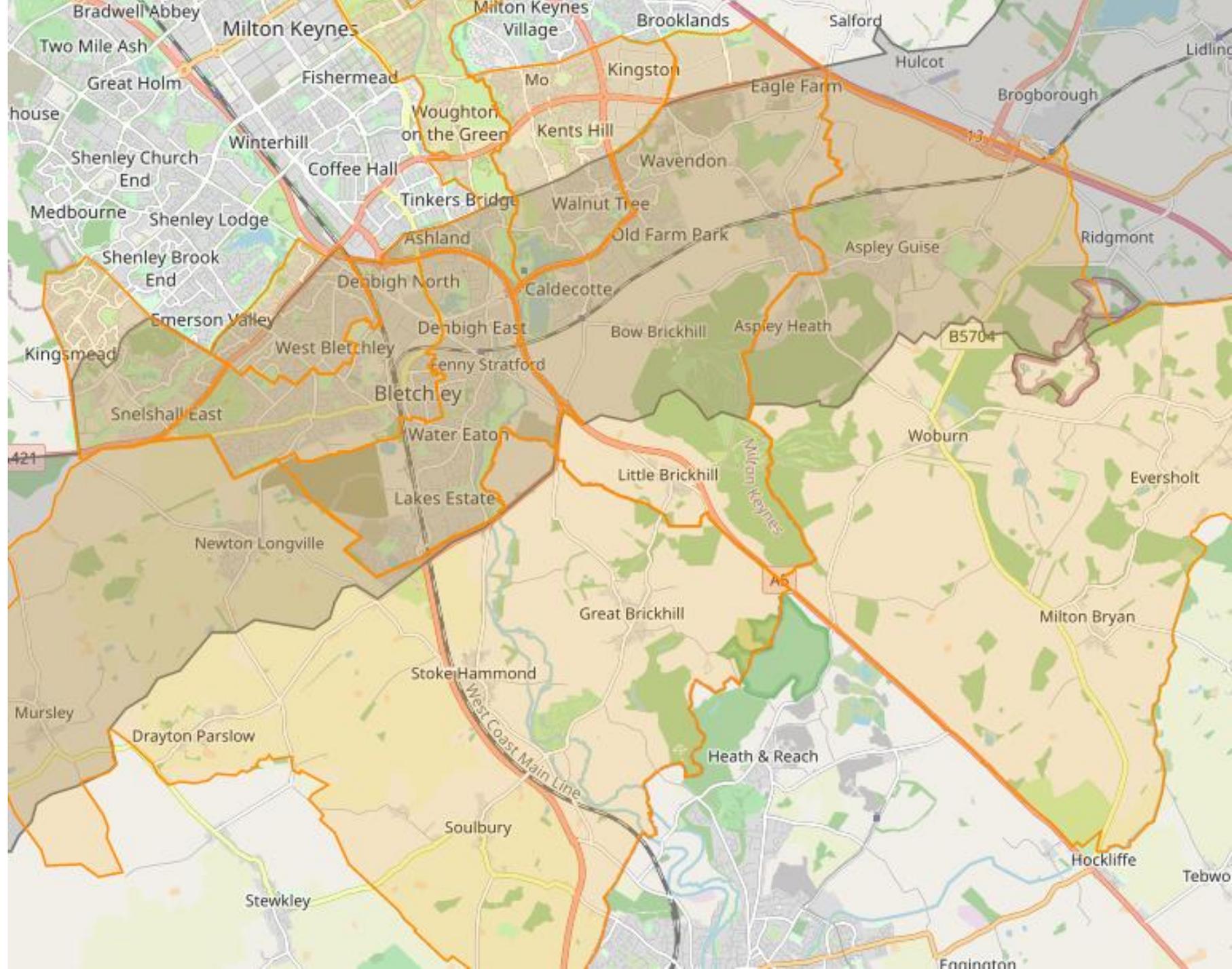
Who have we invited today?

Milton Keynes Council

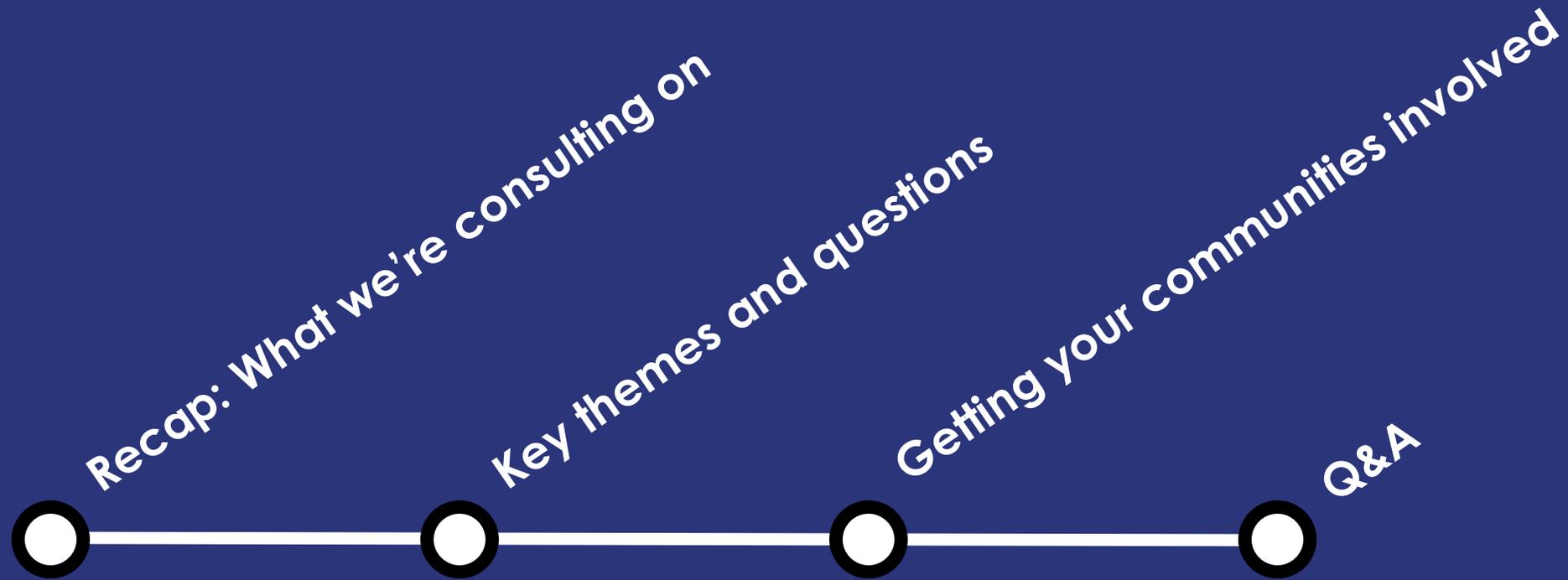
- Bletchley East
- Bletchley Park
- Bletchley West
- Campbell Park and Old Woughton
- Danesborough and Walton
- Monkston

Central Bedfordshire Council

- Aspley and Woburn



What we'll cover today





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Non-statutory public consultation

31 March – 9 June 2021

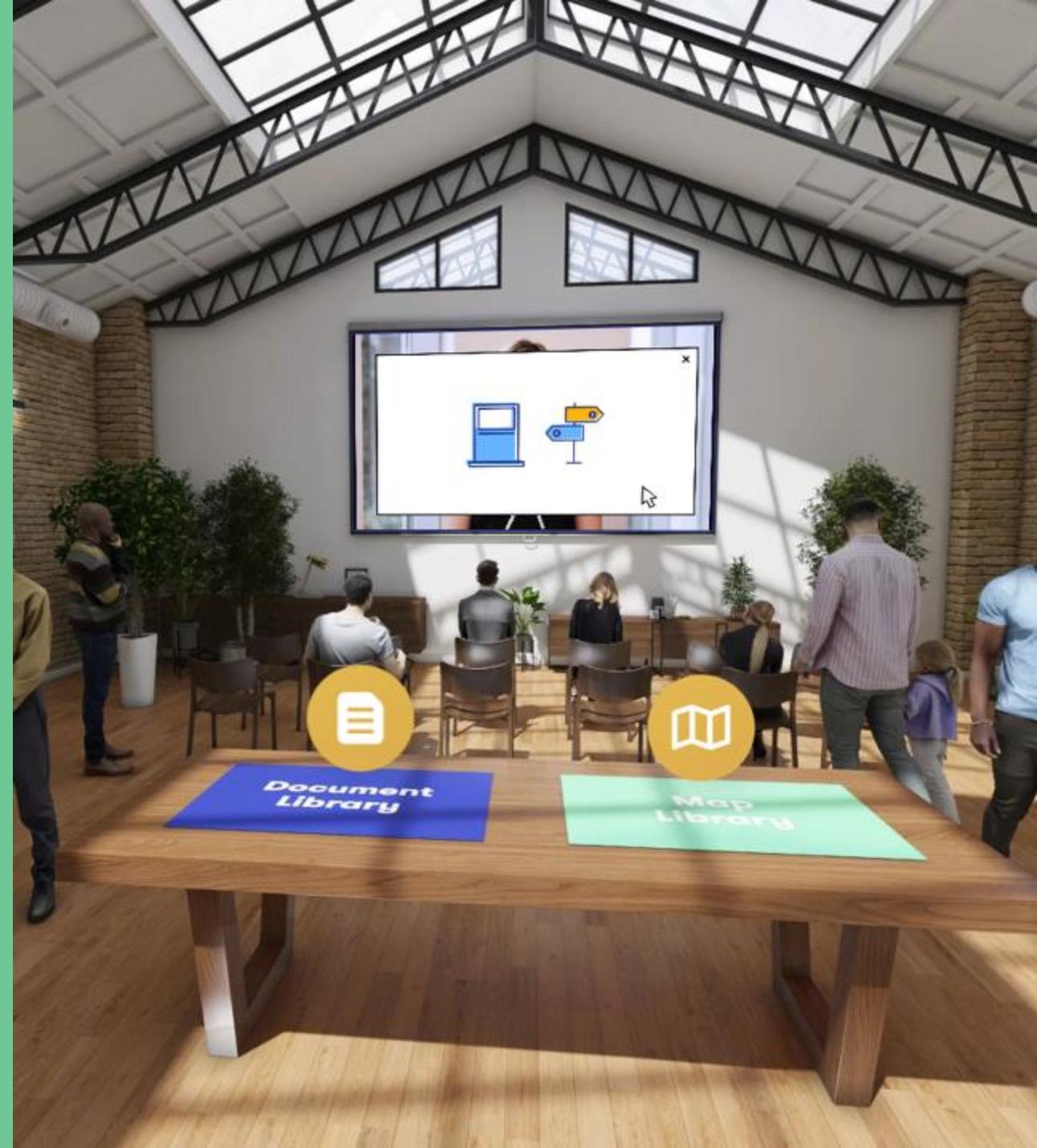
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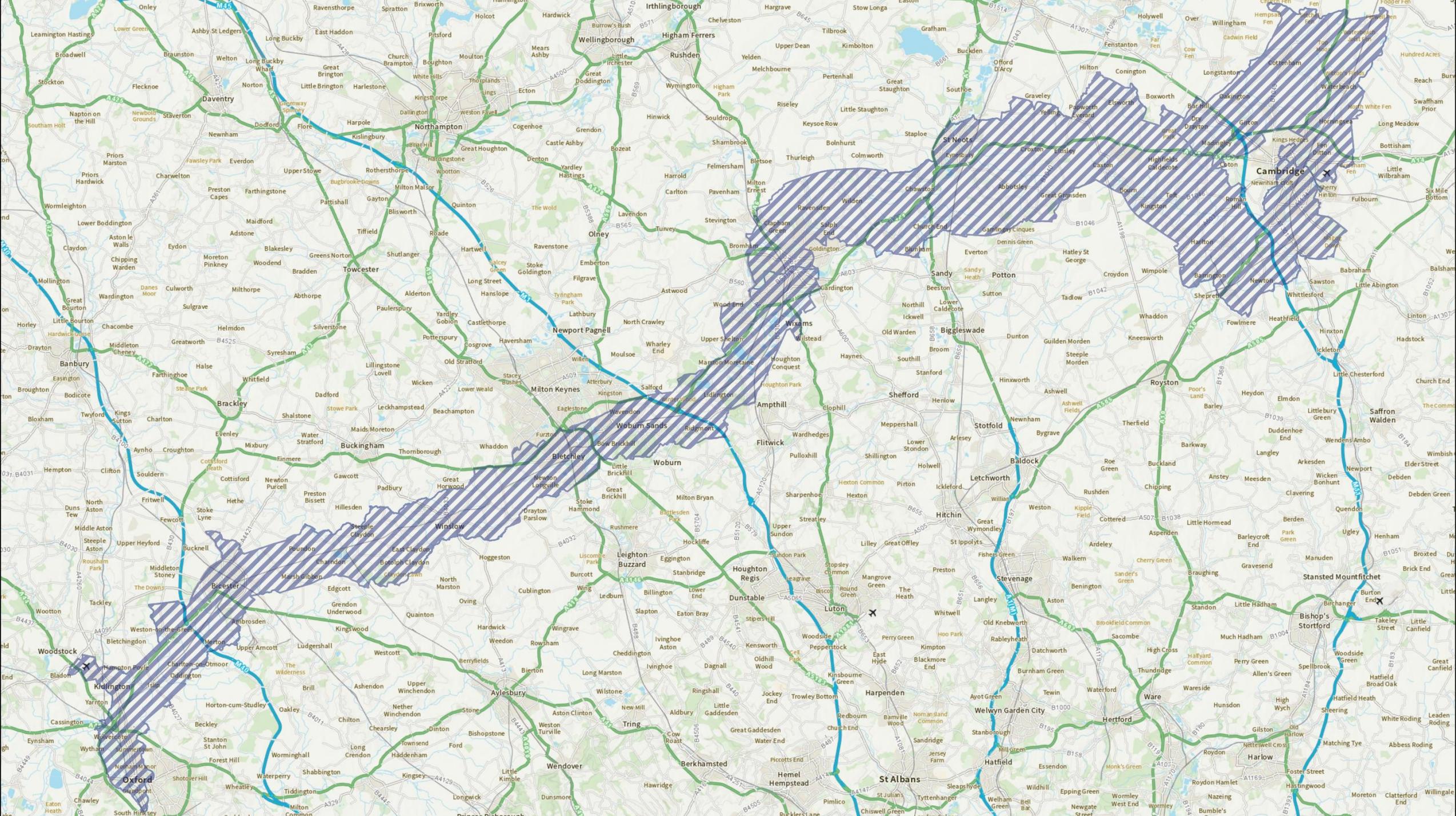
What we are consulting on

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



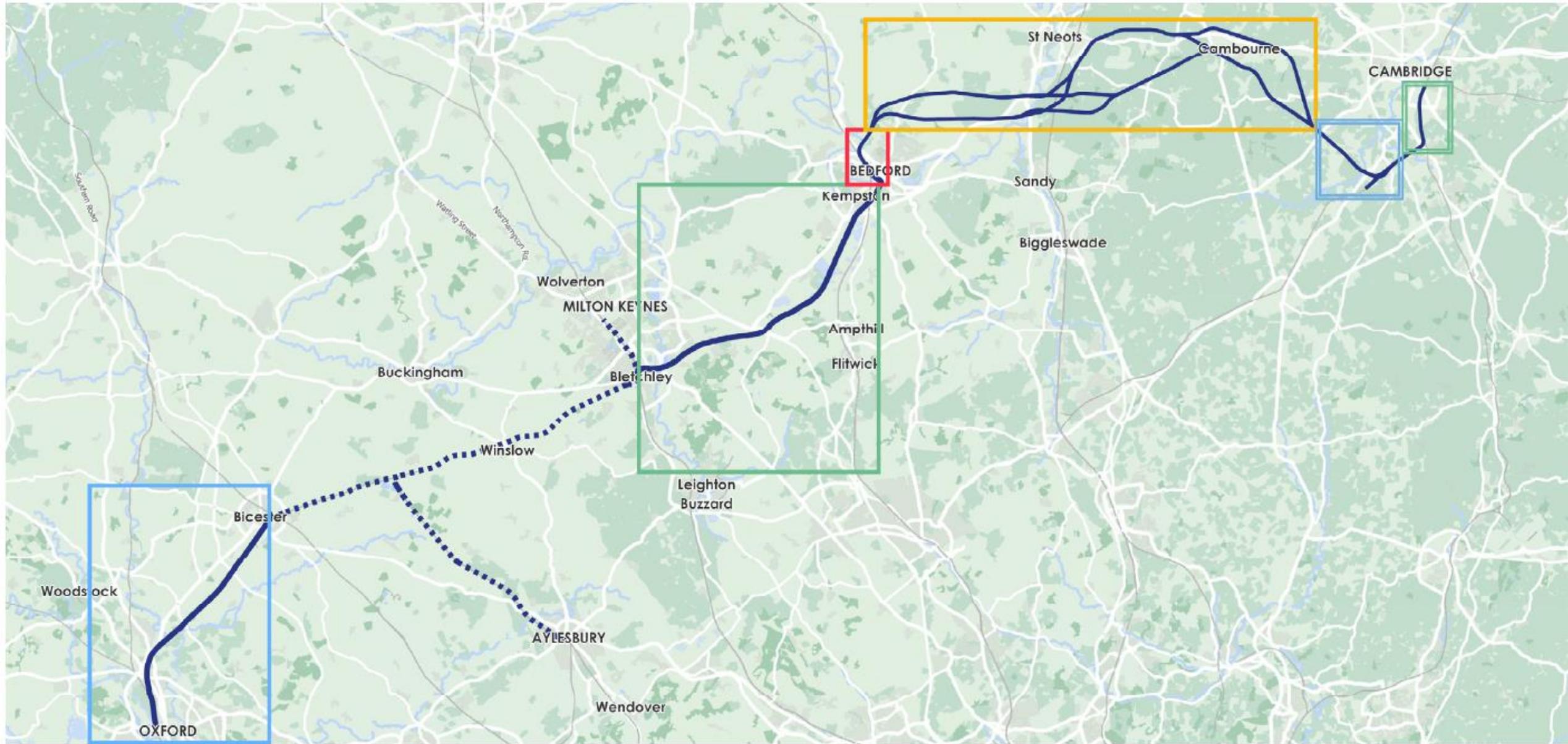
On train experience



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:
Harlow to Hauxton

Project section F:
The Shelfords to Cambridge

Section B

Bletchley and the Marston Vale Line



Bletchley and the Marston Vale Line

- East West Rail represents a once in a generation opportunity to provide a reliable, frequent train service for communities along the Marston Vale Line
- We're considering:
 - How vehicles and pedestrians cross the railway, replacing level crossings with safer alternatives
 - Which stations future services will call at, and how frequently they would operate
 - How we could upgrade and construct the Marston Vale Line to accommodate future services

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



Bedford station

EWR

Along the Marston Vale Line, we are considering:

- How vehicles and pedestrians cross the railway, replacing level crossings with safer alternatives
- Which stations future services will call at, and how frequently they would operate
- How we could upgrade and construct the Marston Vale Line to accommodate future services

Milton Keynes

Building an additional track at Fenny Stratford

EWR

Improvements at Bletchley station

Your questions answered

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



Your questions answered

What could concepts 1 & 2 mean for local communities?



What could concept 1 mean for local communities?



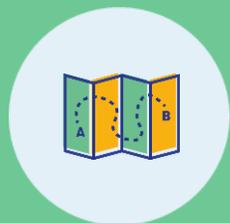
The existing hourly stopping service would be largely unchanged



Some shorter journeys on the route would take slightly longer – but end-to-end journeys would take roughly the same time as today



Woburn Sands and Ridgmont stations would benefit from an increase to five trains per hour



The four new EWR services would complete the journey between Bletchley and Bedford in around 22 minutes

Concept 1

Retain the existing hourly service that stops at all current intermediate stations, and introduce fast limited-stop Oxford – Cambridge services alongside it.



Concept 1:
indicative
timetable

OXFORD	d	10:26			10:56	
Oxford Parkway	d	10:33			11:03	
Bicester Village	d	10:40			11:10	
Winslow	d	10:51			11:21	
BLETCHLEY High Level	a	10:59			11:29	
	d	11:00			11:30	
BLETCHLEY Low Level	d	↓	11:14	11:21	↓	11:44
Fenny Stratford	d	↓	↓	11:24	↓	↓
Bow Brickhill	d	↓	↓	11:27	↓	↓
Woburn Sands	d	11:06	11:21	11:31	11:36	11:51
Aspley Guise	d	↓	↓	11:33	↓	↓
Ridgmont (relocated)	a	11:09	11:24	11:35	11:39	11:54
	d	11:10	11:25	11:43	11:40	11:55
Lidlington	d	↓	↓	11:46	↓	↓
Millbrook	d	↓	↓	11:49	↓	↓
Stewartby	d	↓	↓	11:52	↓	↓
Kempston Hardwick	d	↓	↓	11:55	↓	↓
Bedford St Johns (relocated)	d	↓	↓	12:00	↓	↓
BEDFORD	a	11:20	11:35	12:02	11:50	12:05
	d	11:21	11:36		11:51	12:06
ECML Interchange	d	11:31	11:46		12:01	12:16
Cambourne Area	d	11:41	11:56		12:11	12:26
Cambridge South	d	11:54	12:09		12:24	12:39
CAMBRIDGE	a	11:57	12:12		12:27	12:42

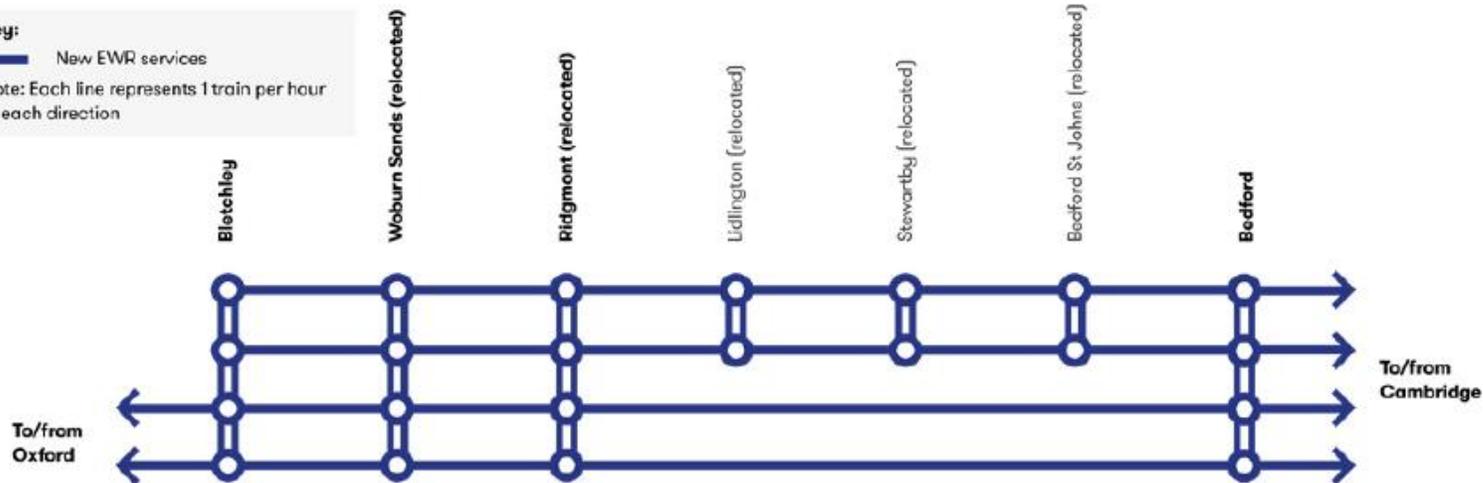
Concept 2

Provide more people easier access to more frequent, faster and direct trains at five merged stations on the Marston Vale Line.

Key:

— New EWR services

Note: Each line represents 1 train per hour in each direction



What could concept 2 mean for local communities?



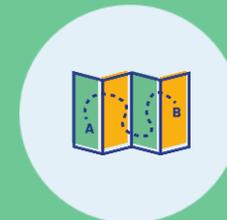
Local communities would benefit from having East West Rail services calling at all five new stations, rather than just two of the existing intermediate stations



More people would have access to more frequent services



The relocated Woburn Sands and Ridgmont stations would have four trains per hour in each direction



More people would have access to direct train services going further afield, including Cambridge.

OXFORD	d		10:53		11:23
Oxford Parkway	d		11:00		11:30
Bicester Village	d		11:07		11:37
Winslow	d		11:18		11:48
BLETCHLEY High Level	a		11:26		11:56
	d		11:27		11:57
BLETCHLEY Low Level	d	11:05	↓	11:35	↓
Woburn Sands (relocated)	d	11:12	11:33	11:42	12:33
Ridgmont (relocated)	d	11:16	11:37	11:46	12:37
Lidlington (relocated)	d	11:20	↓	11:50	↓
Stewartby (relocated)	d	11:25	↓	11:55	↓
Bedford St Johns (relocated)	d	11:30	↓	12:00	↓
BEDFORD	a	11:32	11:47	12:02	12:17
	d	11:33	11:48	12:03	12:18
ECML Interchange	d	11:43	11:58	12:13	12:28
Cambourne Area	d	11:53	12:08	12:23	12:38
Cambridge South	d	12:06	12:21	12:36	12:51
CAMBRIDGE	a	12:09	12:24	12:39	12:54

Concept 2:
indicative
timetable

Your questions answered – Concepts 1 and 2

- Do you know how many passengers walk to their station without using a car? They may now have to travel by car to their new station which seems counter productive.
- How were the 5 proposed stations decided under Option 2?



Your questions answered

Level crossings on the Marston Vale Line



Our proposals

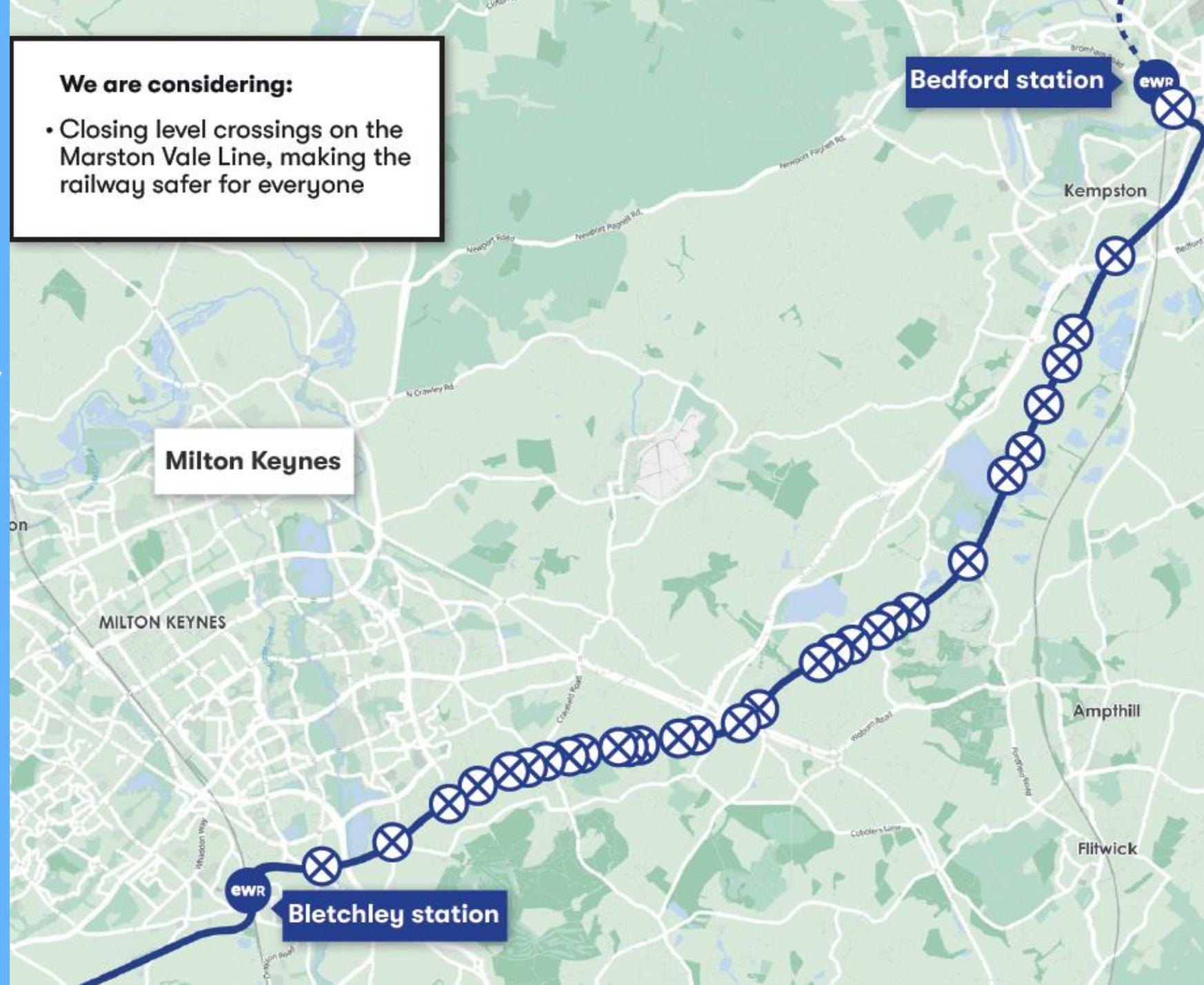
We aim to close level crossings on the Marston Vale Line and replace them with alternative access.

We would provide between 16 and 19 new bridges over or under the railway together with new links to existing bridges. The aim of our proposals is to achieve:

- Convenience for users of the local rights of way
- Improved safety for all, given the new more frequent, faster services
- Increased reliability for those services, minimising delays caused by incidents or equipment failures.

We are considering:

- Closing level crossings on the Marston Vale Line, making the railway safer for everyone



Your questions answered – level crossings on the Marston Vale Line

- Can you reassure that EWR will help communities stay connected and less car dependent and help with decreasing carbon footprint?
- Has any traffic modelling been undertaken on the impact on residents of Hardwick Road with either Concept 1 (crossing closed for 40 minutes per hour) or Concept 2 (crossing closed permanently cutting the village in half and forcing traffic on to Hardwick Road to get North to the Newport Road).
- Is there any opportunity to revisit the option of a bridge at Woburn Sands in the light of the massive impact that either of the two currently tabled options would have on the wider community?



Your questions answered

Line upgrades





Our options

- **Option 1:** a series of short blockades
- **Option 2:** a prolonged blockade
- **Option 3:** a mix of short and long blockades

Which option for
construction blockades
will cause the least
disruption?



Your questions
answered

Won't this
damage the
environment?



Your questions on the environment

- At an earlier meeting you mentioned that you are creating a zero carbon railway. But with the construction, concrete and steel used as well as the engine and carriage manufacturing I think this is not true.
- I believe the line is not being electrified. So not able to use renewables here. At present this means diesel. There is no mention of buying the false zero carbon credits that other companies do. At a previous meeting there was mention of hydrogen powered or other propulsion. Can you explain how EWR will be zero carbon emission in use?



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 concept has been selected and what options are chosen for each level crossing?



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

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.

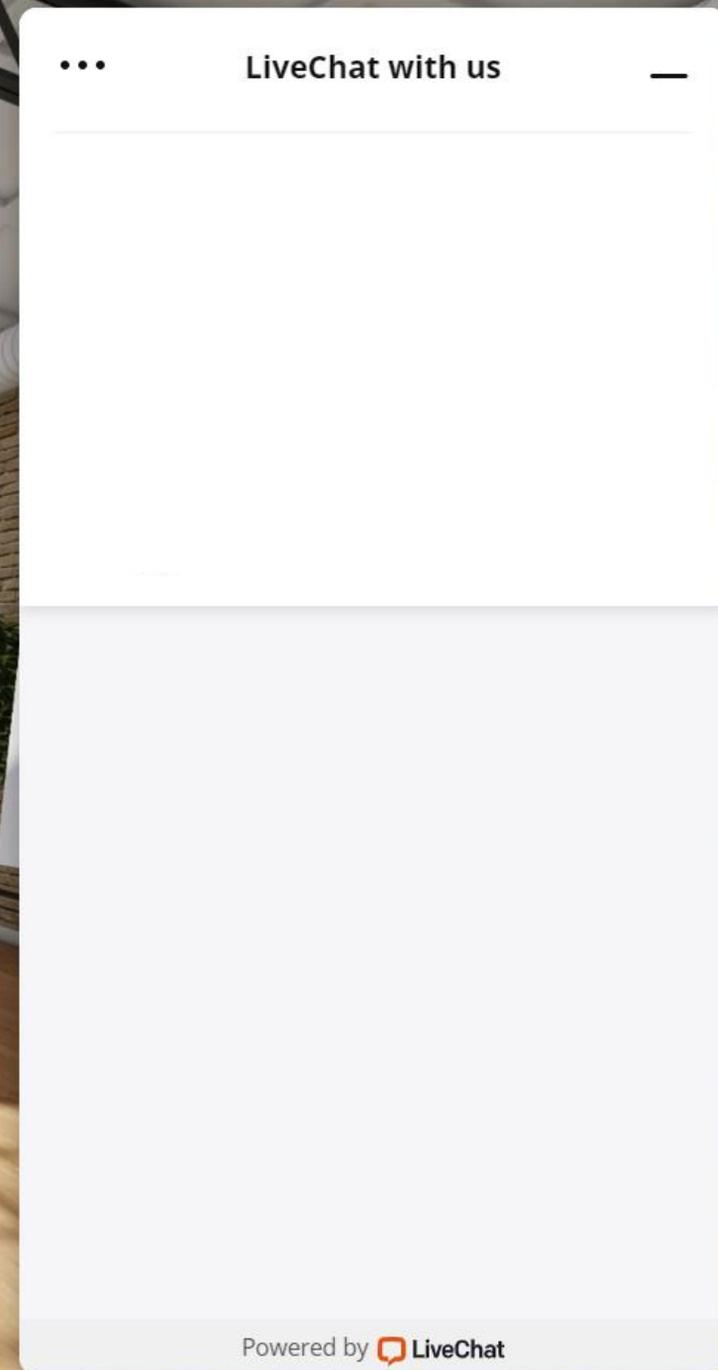
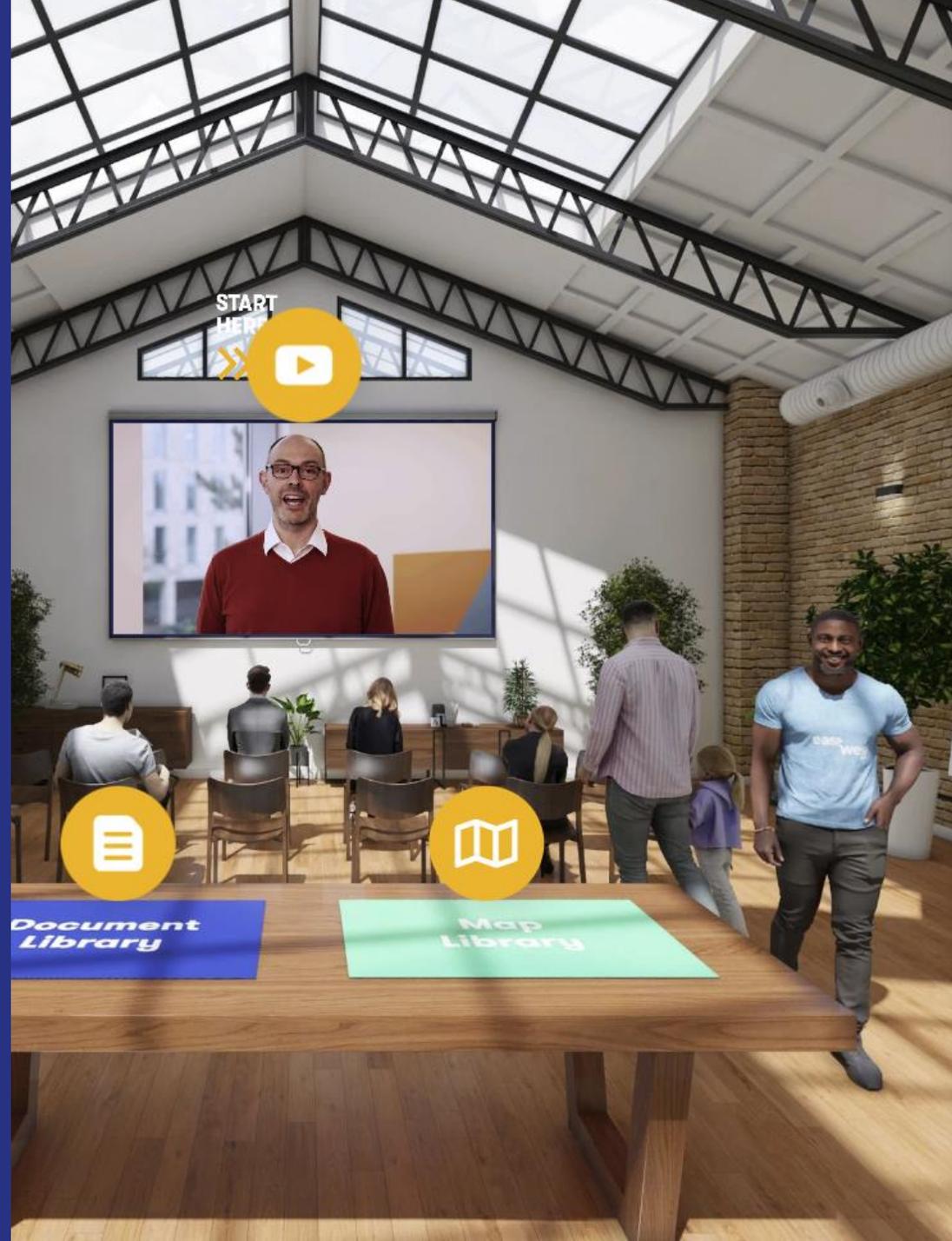
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How your residents can respond to this consultation

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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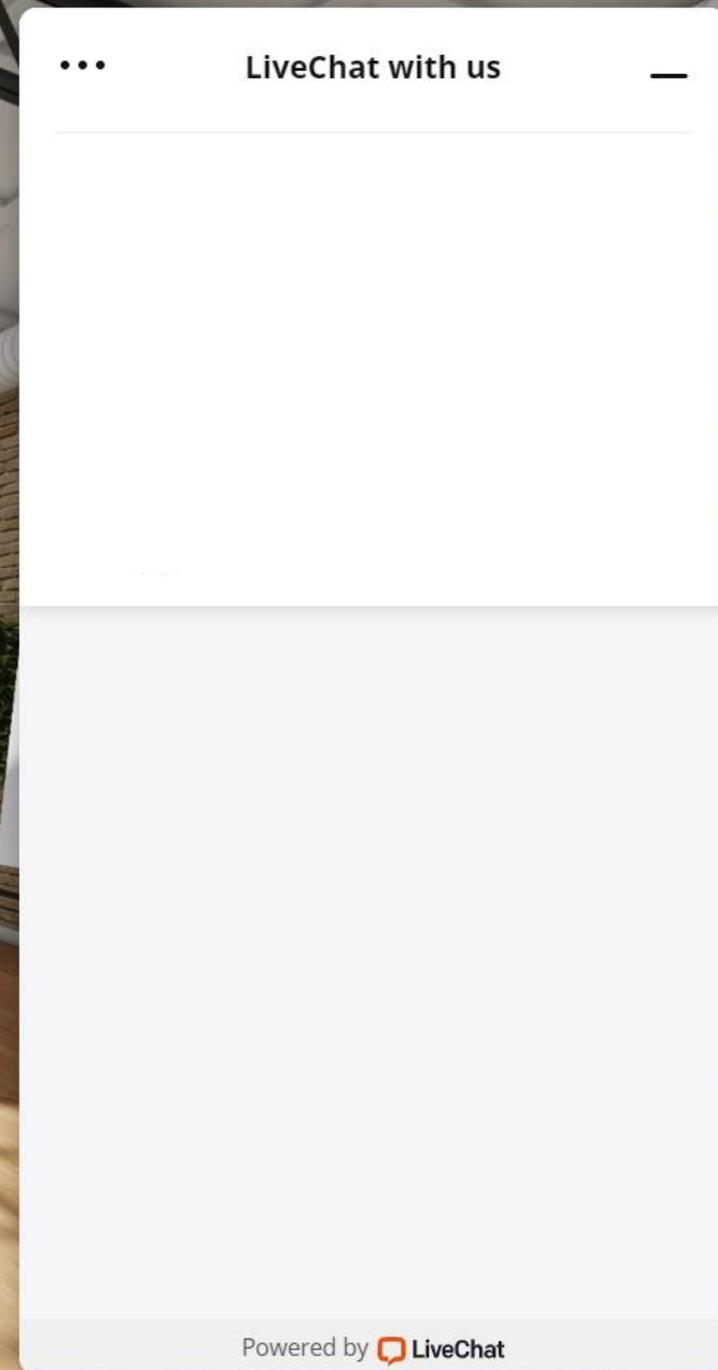
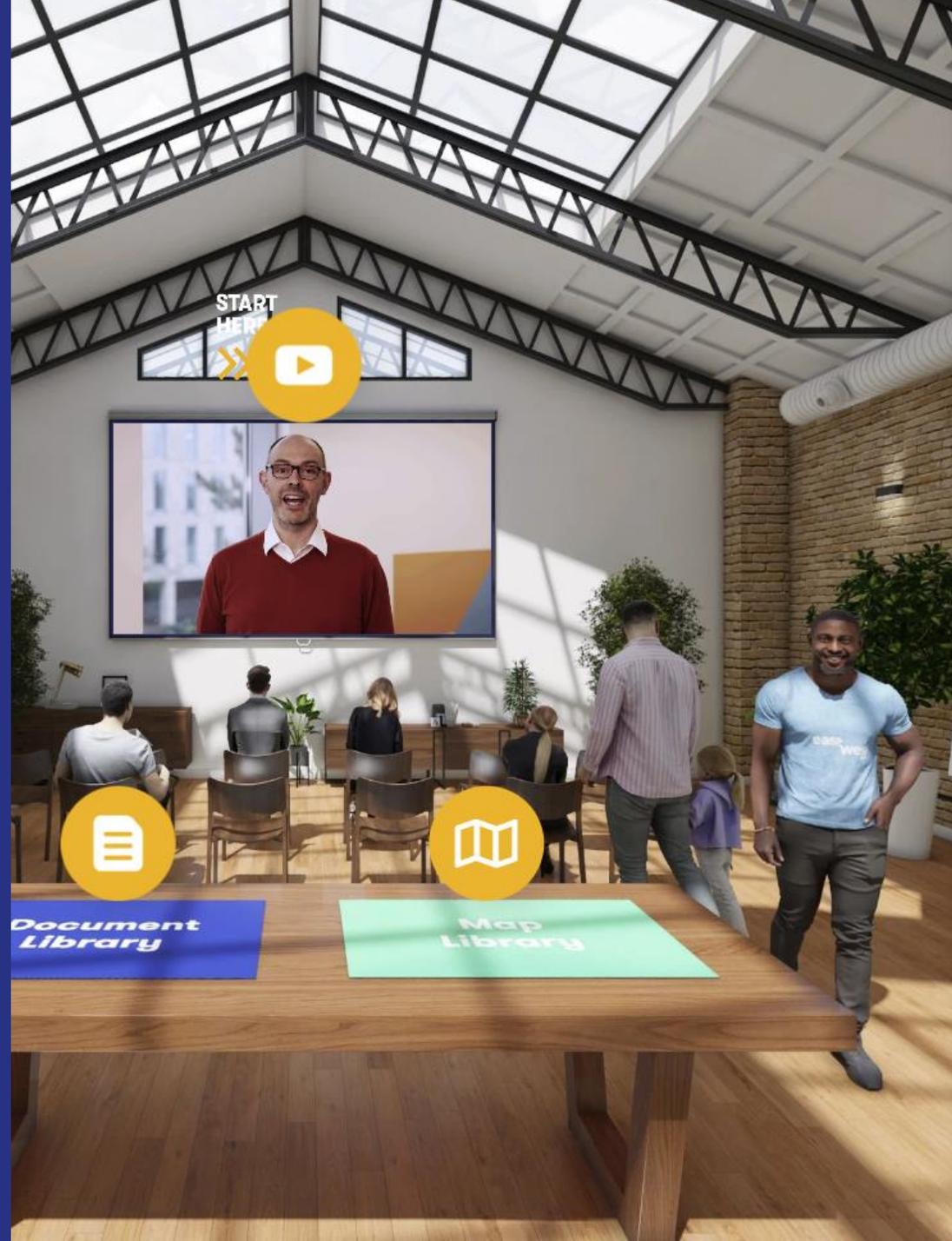
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