Non-statutory public consultation

31 March – 9 June 2021
What we’ll cover today

1. Introduction to the consultation
2. What we’re consulting on
3. How to get involved
4. Next steps
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
Shaping customer experience and railway operations

This part of our consultation focuses on what future customers want from their railway experience.

We want to hear your views – from individuals and organisations – on the customer experience you would like from East West Rail.
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.
Section D

Clapham Green to The Eversdens
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• This section of new railway from Bedford to Cambridge includes the area between Clapham Green, north of Bedford, to The Eversdens, south east of Cambourne

• In early 2019 we consulted on five potential route options for this section of new railway.

• Following the announcement of the preferred route option (Option E), we have identified and assessed potential route alignment options, as well as considering possible station locations on each of these route alignments.

More information can be found in Section D of the consultation document
We have shortlisted five options for the route alignment in this section.
Route Alignment 2
St Neots South Option A station to Cambourne South station

Route alignment 2
The red alignment
Route Alignment 1
St Neots South Option A station to Cambourne North station

The dark blue alignment

Legend
- Route Alignment 1
- Other station
- Proposed A428 Alignment
- Station used by East West Rail services
- Station that may be used by East West Rail services
- Other area of East West Rail
Route alignment 8
The yellow alignment
Route alignment 6
The light blue alignment

Legend
- Route Alignment 6
- Other station
- Proposed A428 Alignment
- Station used by East West Rail services
- Station that may be used by East West Rail services
- Other area of East West Rail

St Neots South Option B station to Cambourne South station
Route alignment 9
The purple alignment
Approaching Cambridge
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- Longer distance and journey times
- Duplicating existing public transport
- More infrastructure on flood plains, requiring additional embankments and viaducts that would likely need substantial foundations and increased earthwork stabilisations
- 39-84 property acquisitions and demolitions required, compared to 5 approaching from the south
### Comparison of factual data

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<th>Cambourne station to Cambridge station</th>
<th>Southern approach</th>
<th>Northern approach</th>
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<td>Operational alignment length</td>
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<td>Built length in flood zone</td>
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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.

• In developing our proposals, we aim to minimise the negative impact these may have on people’s land and property and mitigate any impacts we cannot avoid

• While we don’t yet know for certain which land or property will be needed, we know that publishing our plans could potentially affect people needing to sell their home, agricultural holding or small business.

• 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.
Public consultation

Working with you

Two meeting sessions during consultation:

• **Today** – A session to run you through all the elements we will be consulting on that are relevant to you

• **May** – A more discursive session – once you’ve had a chance to read through the documents designed to raise any questions you might have
How you can get involved

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

**Virtual consultation rooms** – open from 12 April 2021 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.

**Online public events** – we are holding twelve online events for communities right the way from Oxford to Cambridge. There will be two lots of six events covering geographical areas along the route.

**Live chat events open to the public** – a series of ten, 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**.
Questions & Answers
How to respond to this consultation

We’re keen to understand what you think about the emerging proposals for the Project, and your views on the broader scheme.

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
What next?
Stay in touch

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