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Housekeeping

Thank you for joining

This hour-long event on Zoom will include information about this public consultation before 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 and address to 'Questions'

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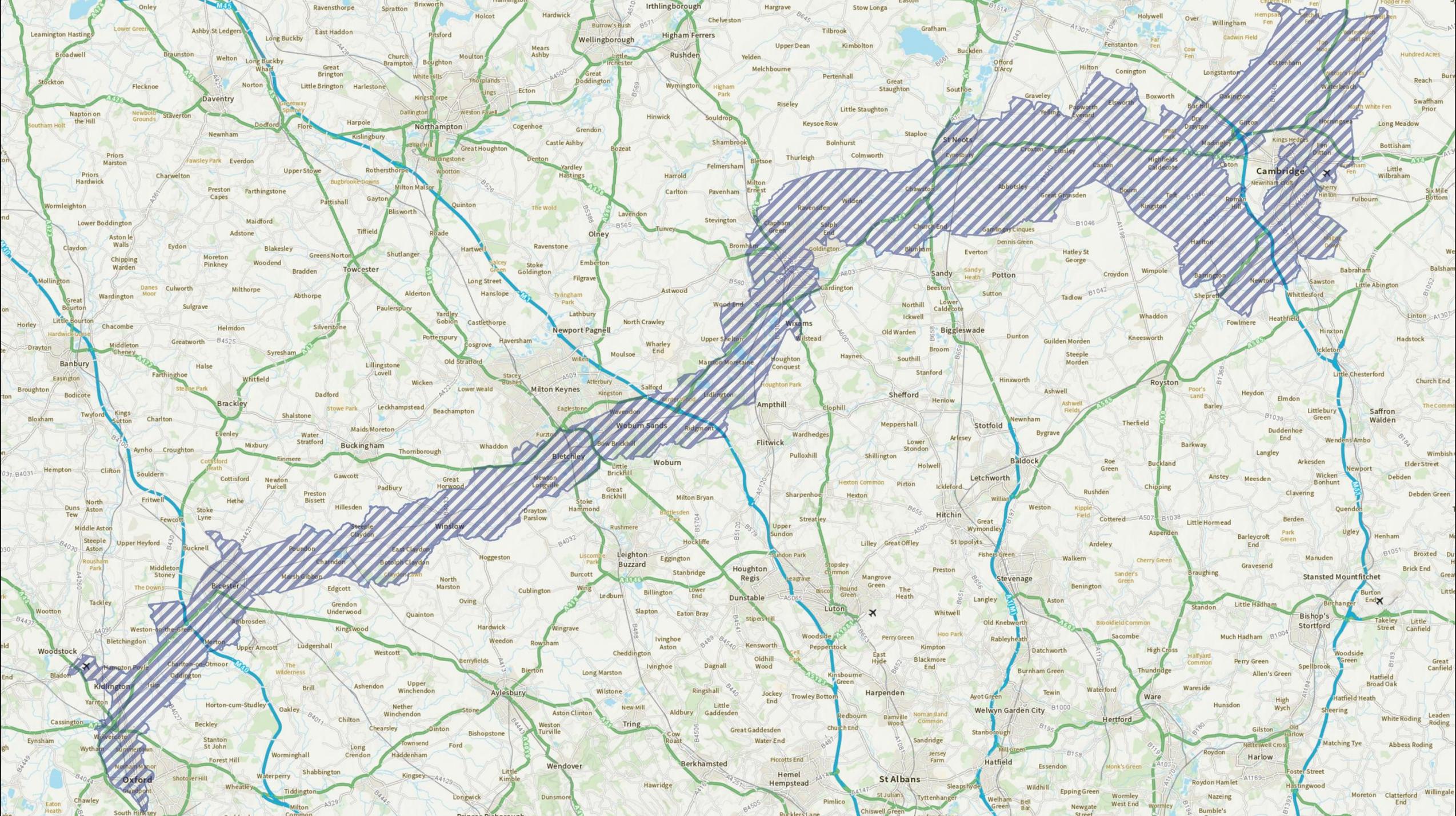
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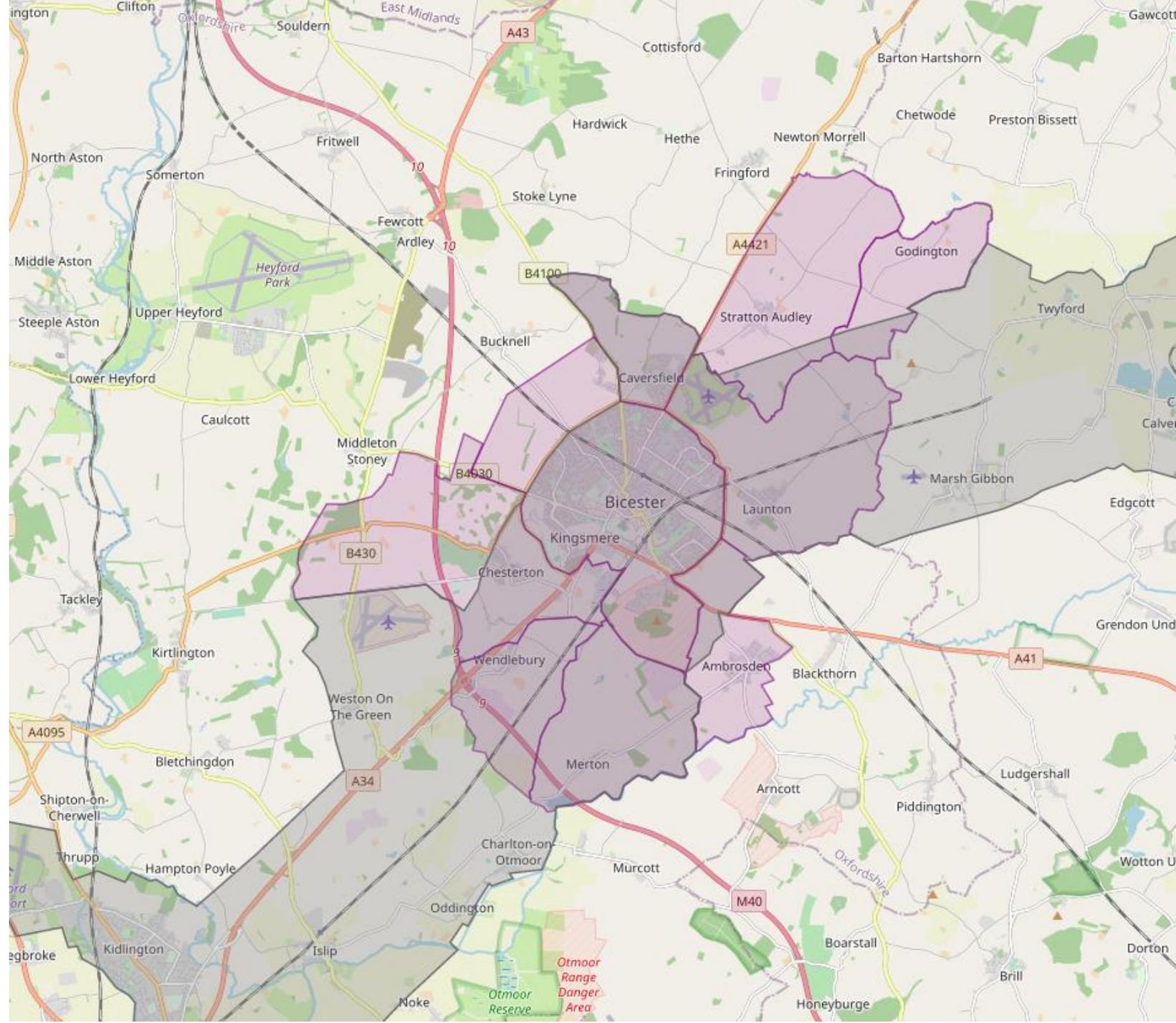
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Who have we invited today?

Parishes

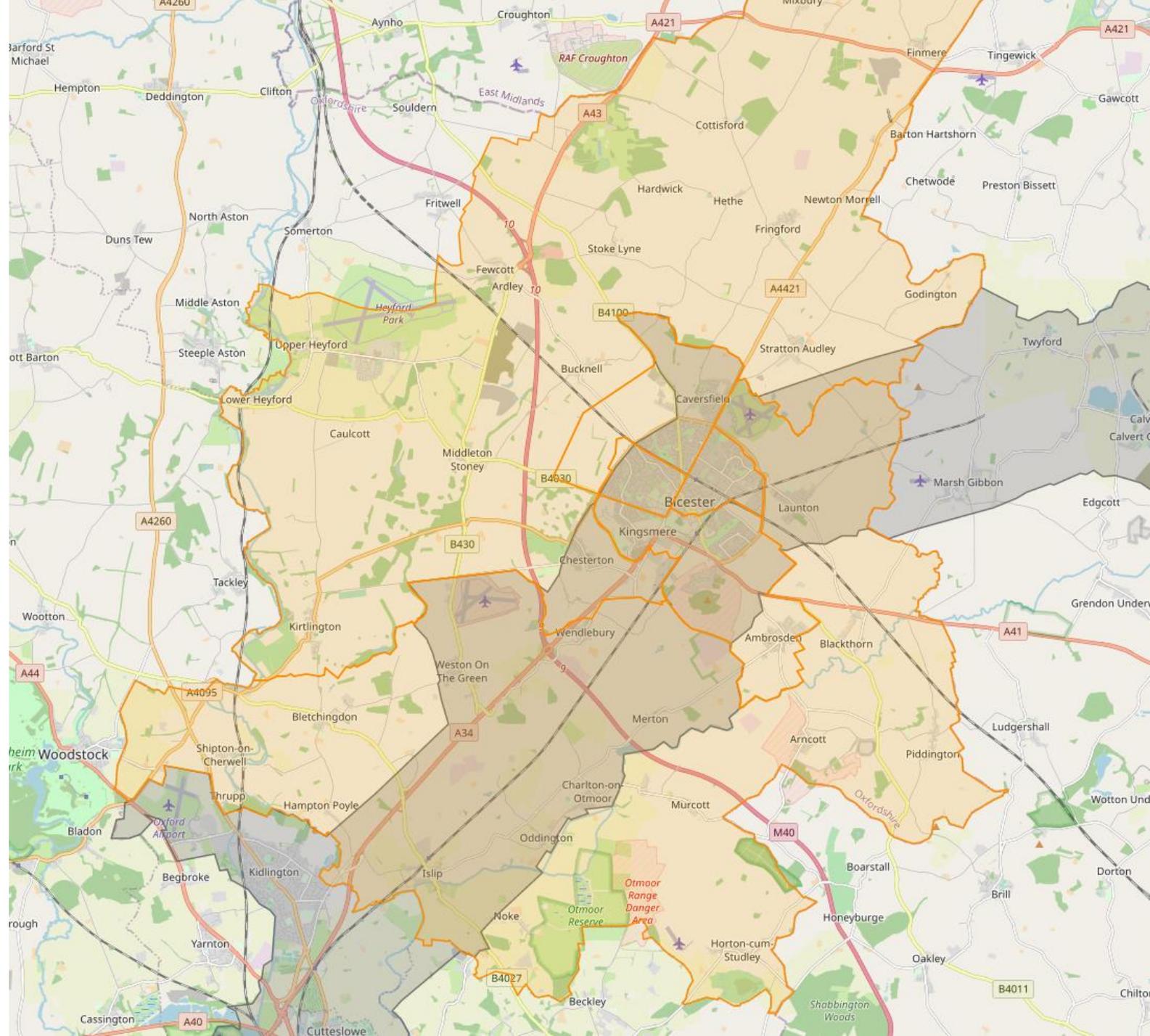
- Ambrosden Parish Council
- Bicester Town Council
- Chesterton Parish Council
- Godington Parish Council
- Launton Parish Council
- Merton Parish Council
- Stratton Audley Parish Council
- Wendlebury Parish Council



Who have we invited today?

Cherwell District Council

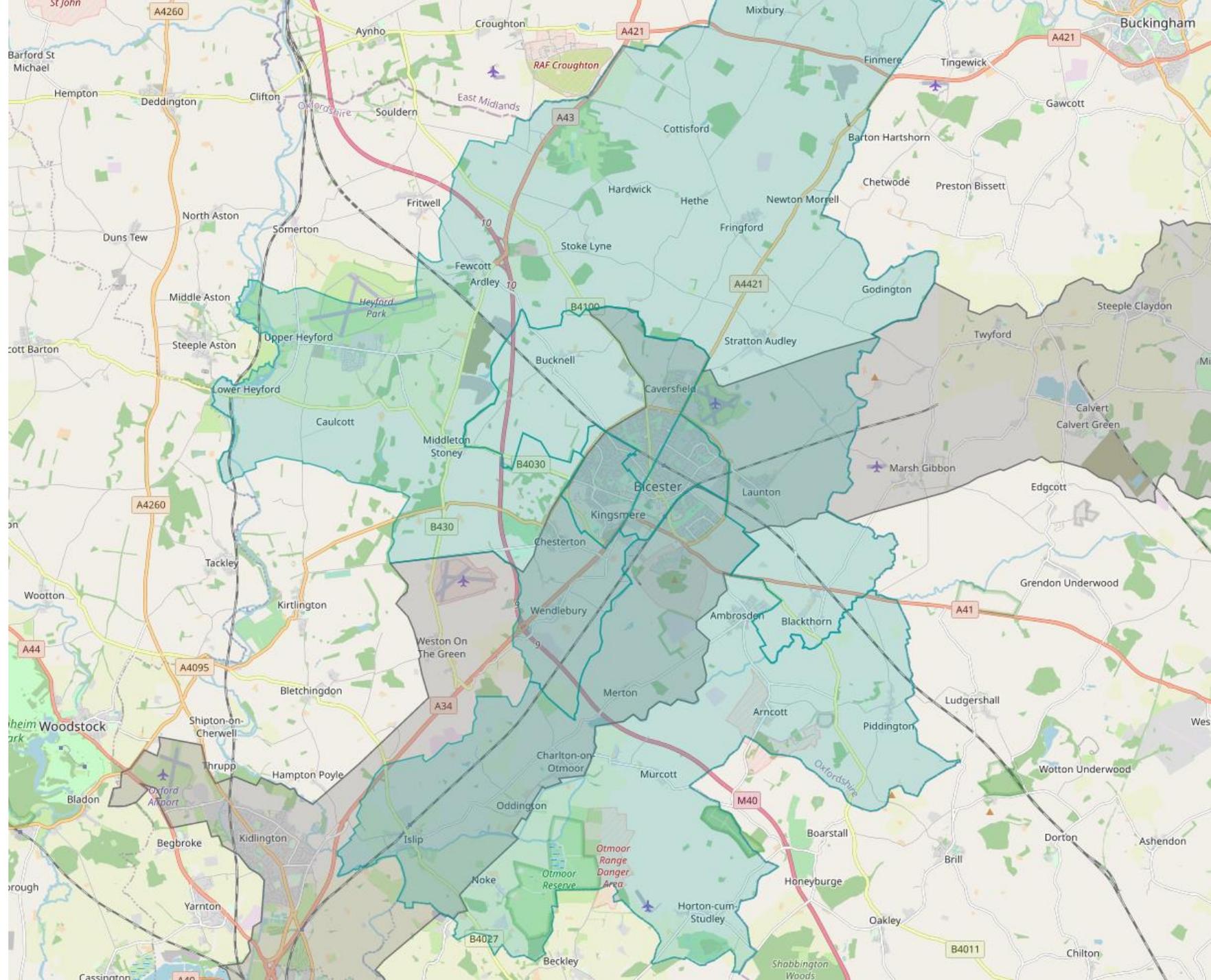
- Bicester East
- Bicester North and Caversfield
- Bicester South and Ambrosden
- Bicester West
- Fringford and Heyfords
- Launton and Otmoor



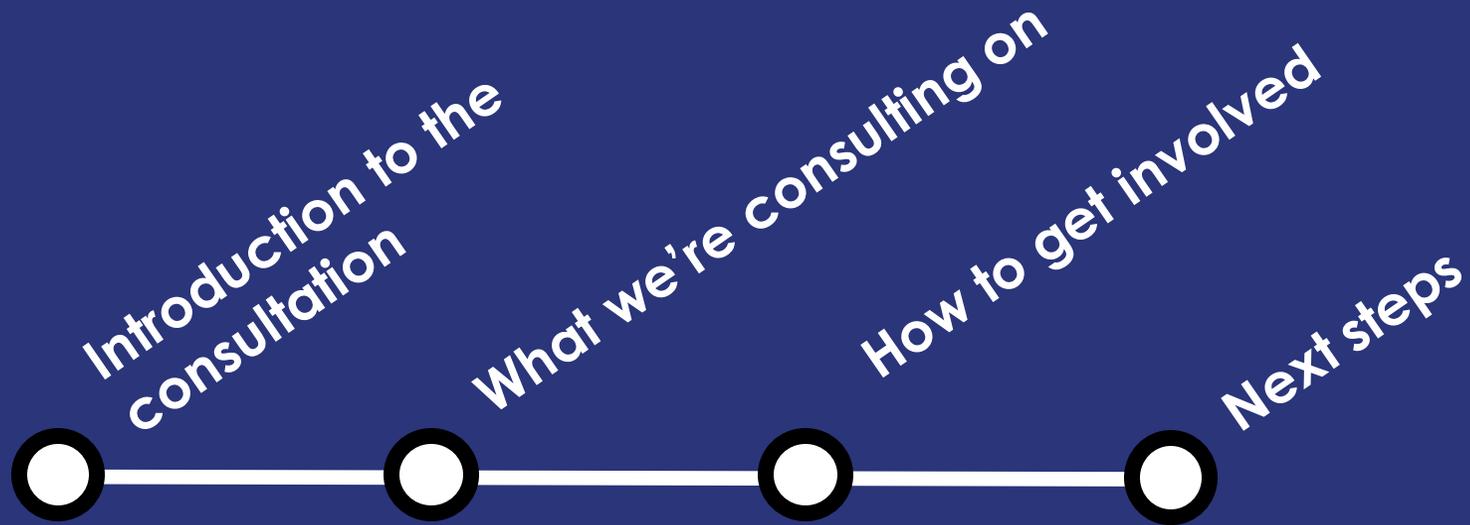
Who have we invited today?

Oxfordshire County Council

- Bicester North
- Bicester Town
- Bicester West
- Otmoor
- Ploughley



What we'll cover today

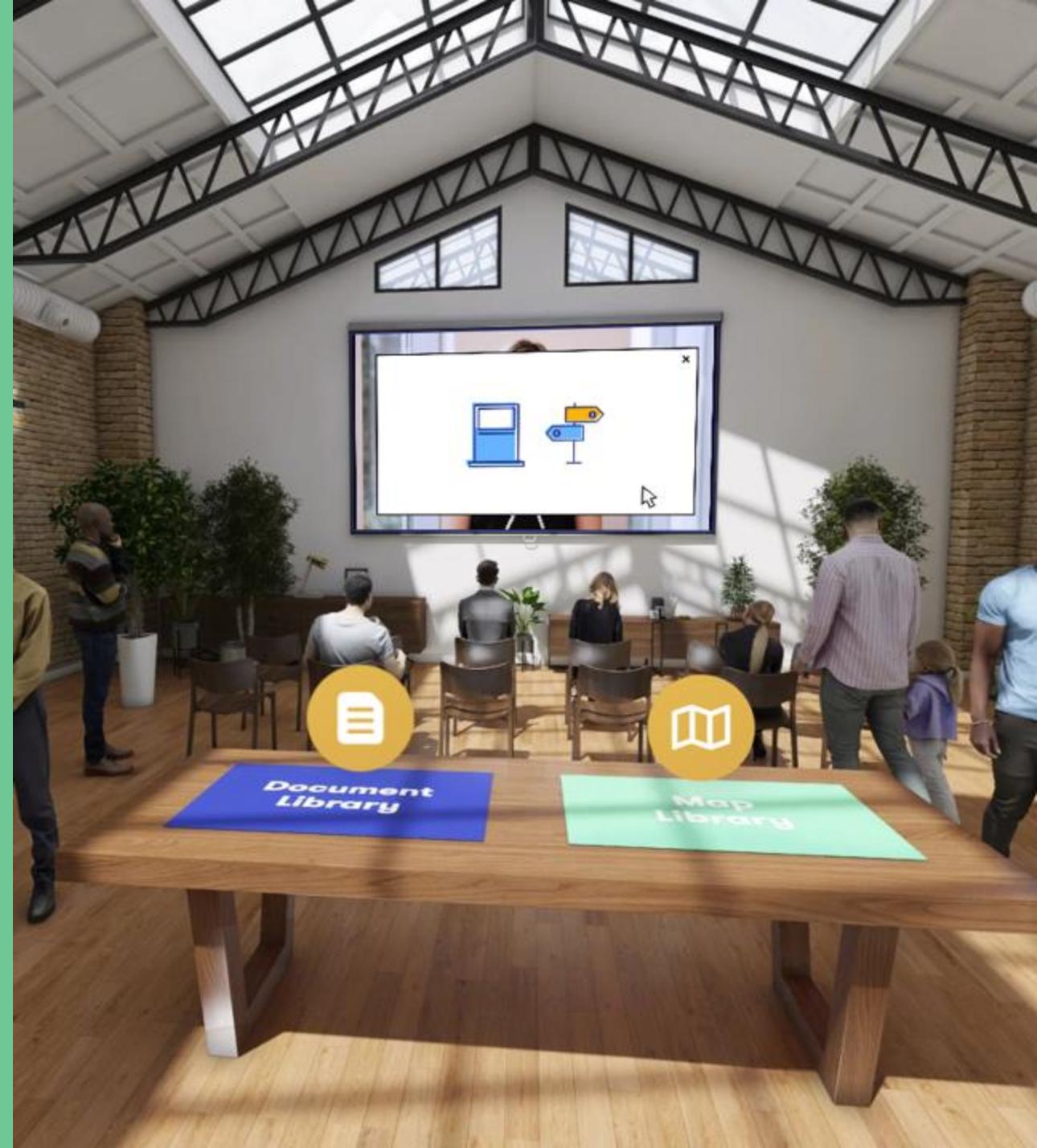


What we are consulting on

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.



The train service



Station experience



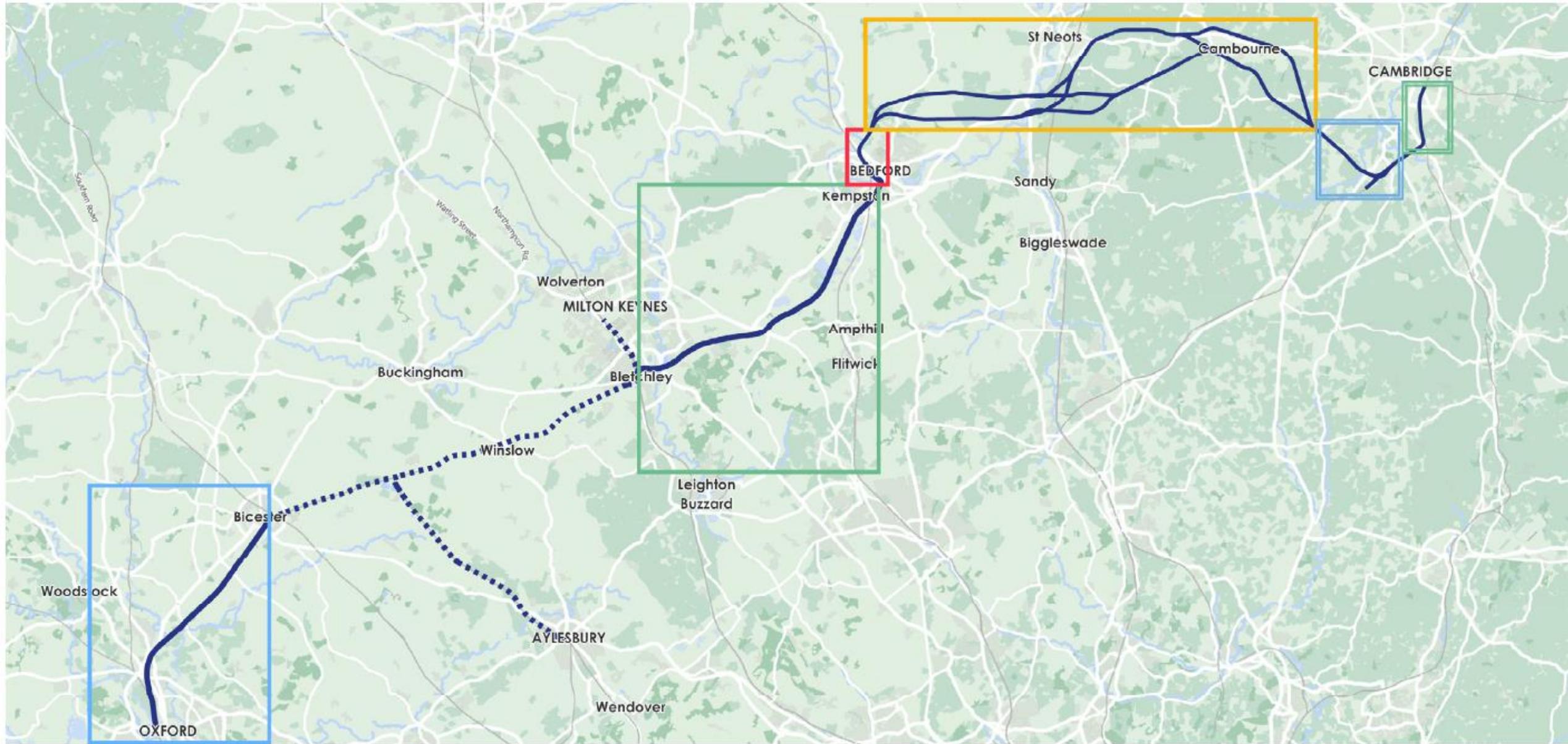
On train experience



Interaction with colleagues



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

Oxford to Bicester

The stations and railway lines between Oxford and Bicester do not have the capacity to run the four trains per hour service that is planned for East West Rail.

The proposed changes would provide people living, working and visiting the area around Oxford and Bicester with fast and reliable train services to Bletchley, Cambridge and stations in between - as well as better connectivity to the wider rail network.

More information is provided in Section A of the consultation document



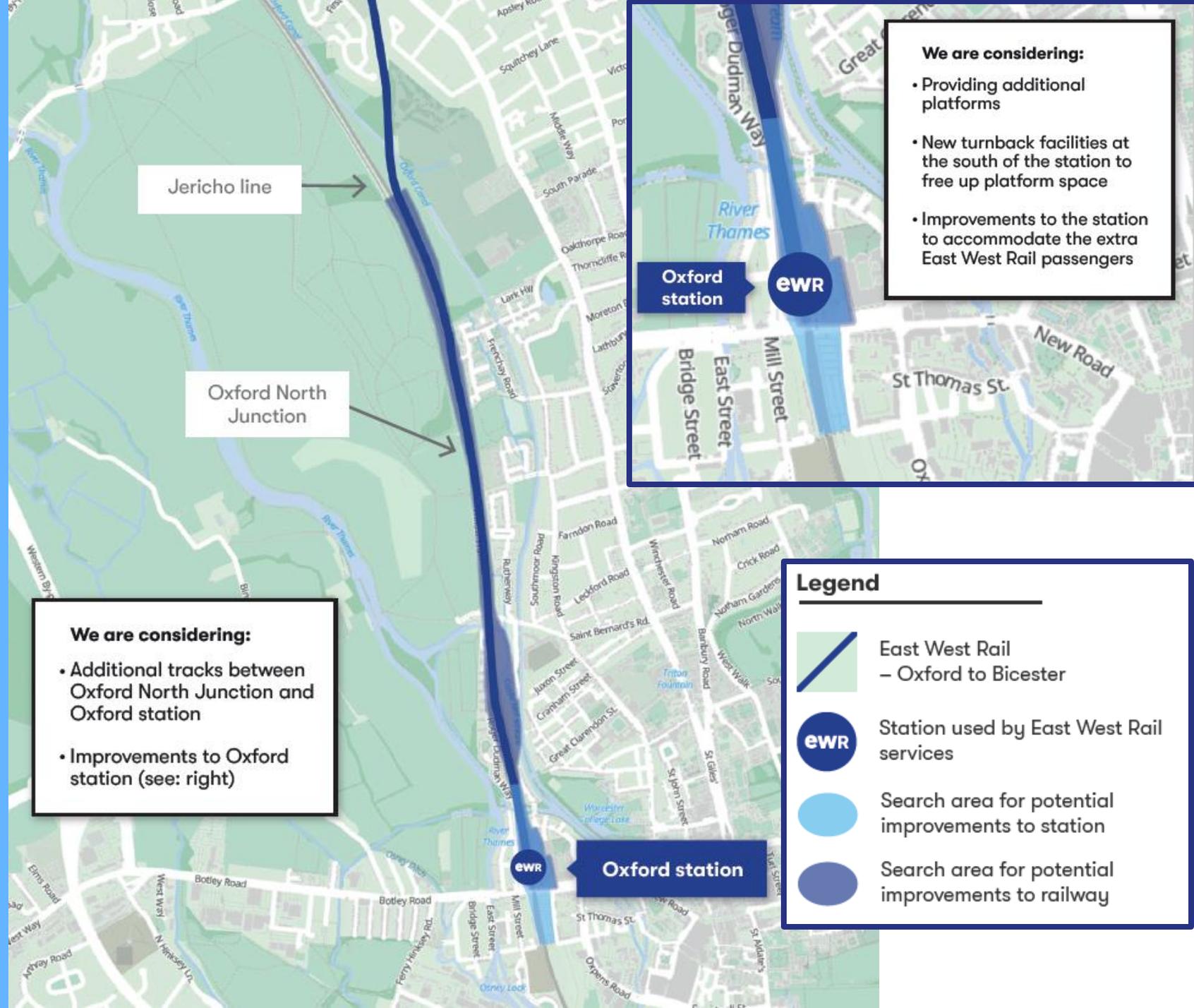
What are our developing plans?

- Improvements at Oxford, Oxford Parkway and Bicester Village stations to accommodate more trains and more customers
- Proposals for one or more additional platforms at Oxford station
- Improvements to the track in the Oxford area to increase capacity for EWR trains to approach Oxford
- Alternative ways for vehicles and pedestrians to cross the railway at London Road in Bicester to improve safety, to enable a faster, more reliable train service, and to reduce traffic disruption.



Oxford station area

- We need to make improvements to Oxford station and some of the track to the north of the station to accommodate new East West Rail services
- This work is needed to ensure passengers can enjoy regular, reliable and punctual train services.



Our proposals

- Provide additional platforms
- New infrastructure south of Oxford station to provide improved 'turn back' facilities outside of the station, freeing up platform space
- Station specific improvements to accommodate the increase in passengers generated by East West Rail
- Additional tracks between Oxford North Junction and the bay platforms of Oxford station
- Additional track between Oxford North Junction and the Jericho line.



Oxford Parkway station

- Passenger numbers using the station have been higher than forecast
- The existing car park was often full to capacity within two years of the station opening
- We are assessing the need for upgrades at Oxford Parkway station to increase capacity and improve the customer experience.



Oxford Parkway station

Potential improvements to the station could include:

- Options to expand the parking facilities at the station
- Options to encourage access to the station via sustainable modes, such as walking, cycling and access to the Park and Ride facility
- Improvements to the local highway networks
- Station upgrades to improve the customer experience.



Bicester Village station

We are considering upgrades Bicester Village station may require to increase capacity and improve the customer experience. This includes:

- Options to expand parking facilities at the station
- Options to encourage access to the station via sustainable modes, such as walking and cycling
- Improvements to the local highway networks
- Station upgrades to improve the customer experience.



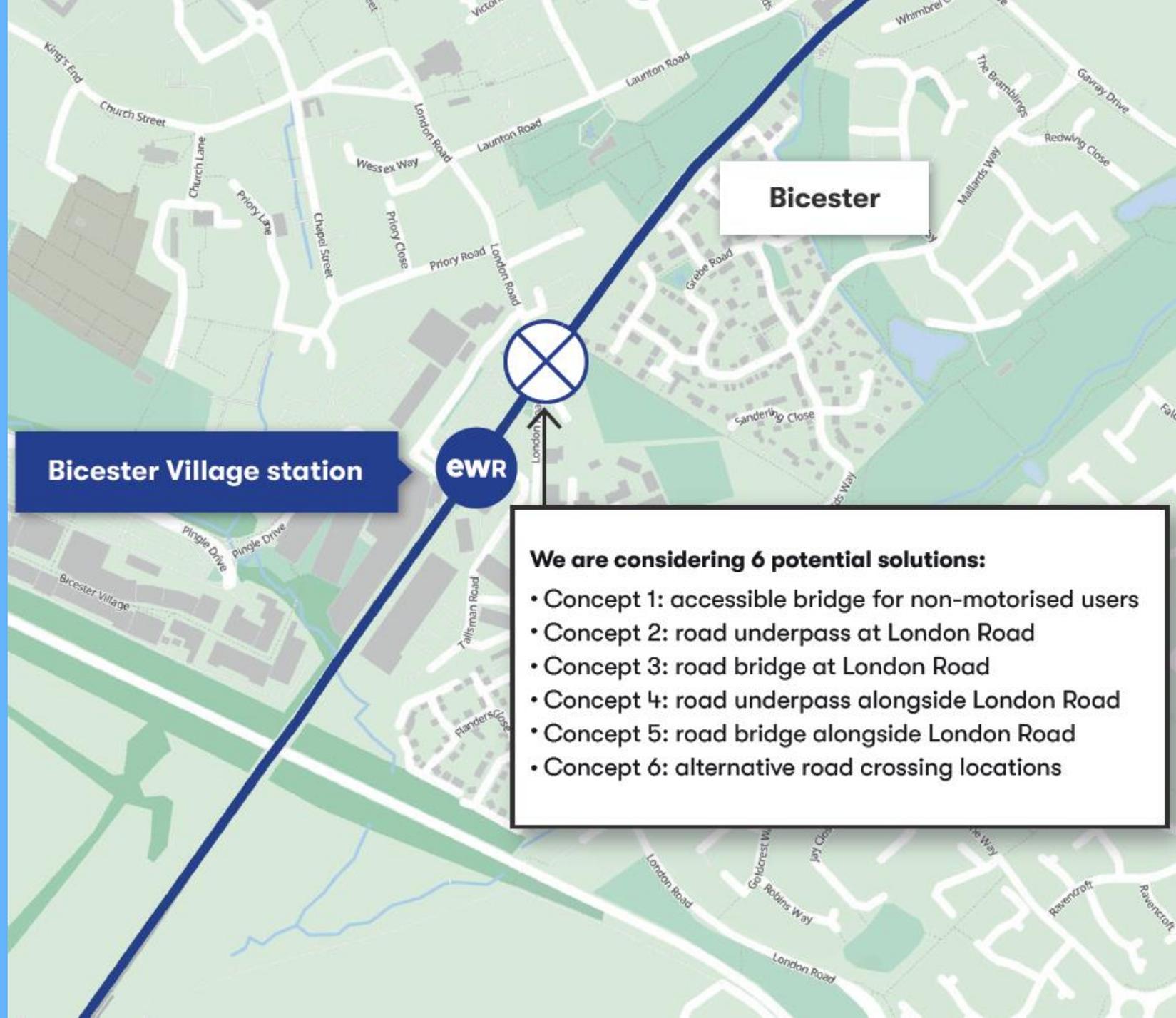
London Road, Bicester

- East West Rail would increase train services for people in Bicester providing more connections to more destinations
- The frequency of trains passing through the level crossing at London Road near Bicester Village station would increase
- The existing level crossing could be closed for up to 50 minutes in every hour
- We are investigating a number of options to improve access across the railway.



Our potential solutions

- **Concept 1:** accessible bridge for non-motorised users
- **Concept 2:** road underpass at London Road
- **Concept 3:** road bridge at London Road
- **Concept 4:** road underpass alongside London Road
- **Concept 5:** road bridge alongside London Road
- **Concept 6:** alternative road crossing locations.



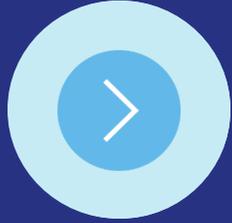
We are considering 6 potential solutions:

- Concept 1: accessible bridge for non-motorised users
- Concept 2: road underpass at London Road
- Concept 3: road bridge at London Road
- Concept 4: road underpass alongside London Road
- Concept 5: road bridge alongside London Road
- Concept 6: alternative road crossing locations

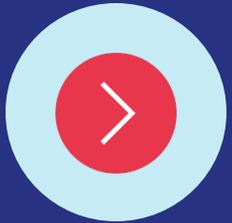
Information for landowners

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.

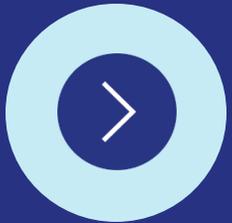
- In developing our proposals, we aim to minimise the negative impact these may have on people's land and property and mitigate any impacts we cannot avoid
- While we don't yet know for certain which land or property will be needed, we know that publishing our plans could potentially affect people needing 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.



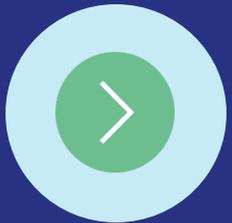
Consultation document
and technical report



Consultation summary
document (sent to every
household in the
consultation zone)



Community hub and
resource centre



Virtual consultation
rooms and community
events

Public consultation

Working with you

Two meeting sessions with your neighbouring councillors during consultation:

- **Today** – A session to run you through all the elements we will be consulting on that are relevant to you
- **Late May** – A more discursive session – once you've had a chance to read through the documents and liaise with your constituents and residents - designed to raise any questions you might have.

How your communities 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



Promoting the consultation

We're promoting the consultation in different ways and are always grateful for your support in generating interest and engagement.

We encourage you to help us spread the word through your networks.

If you think there's an organisation or individual we should speak to, tell us and we will contact them directly.



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?

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