East West Railway Company

6 April 2021
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’.

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).

Please use the mute function.

Questions can be submitted via the chat (address to ‘Questions’).

Please do put your camera on if possible.
Who have we invited today?

Parishes

- Eltisley Parish Council
- Elsworth Parish Council
- Great Gransden Parish Council
- Bourn Parish Council
- Croxton Parish Council
- Caldecote Parish Council
- Caxton Parish Council
- Abbotsley Parish Council
- Papworth Everard Parish Council
- St Neots Town Council
- Childerley Parish Council
- Knapwell Parish Council
- Toseland Parish Council
- Yelling Parish Council
- Boxworth Parish Council
- Great Paxton Parish Council
- Cambourne Parish Council
- Waresley-Cum-Tetworth Parish Council
Who have we invited today?

Huntingdonshire District Council
- Great Paxton
- St Neots East
- St Neots Eatons
- St Neots Eynesbury
- St Neots Priory Park and Little Paxton

South Cambridgeshire District Council
- Caldecote
- Cambourne
- Caxton and Papworth
Who have we invited today?

Cambridgeshire County Council
- Papworth & Swavesey
- St Neots East & Gransden
- St Neots Eynesbury
- St Neots Priory Park & Little Paxton
- St Neots The Eatons
What we’ll cover today

- Introduction to the consultation
- What we’re consulting on
- How to get involved
- 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
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.
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.
Five shortlisted options for the route alignment of East West Rail:

- **The yellow alignment (Alignment 8)** which includes a Tempsford station and a Cambourne South station
- **The dark blue alignment (Alignment 1)** which includes a St Neots North station and a Cambourne North station
- **The red alignment (Alignment 2)** which includes a St Neots North station and a Cambourne South station
- **The light blue alignment (Alignment 6)** which includes a St Neots South station
- **The purple alignment (Alignment 9)** which includes a Tempsford station and a Cambourne North station.

Clapham Green to The Eversdens
Route alignment 8
The yellow alignment
Route Alignment 1
St Neots South Option A station to Cambourne North station

Route alignment 1
The dark blue alignment
Route 2
The red alignment
Route alignment 6

The light blue alignment

Legend

- Route Alignment 6
- Other station
- Proposed A428 Alignment

Stations used by East West Rail services

Stations that may be used by East West Rail services

Other area of East West Rail

Route Alignment 6
St Neots South Option B station to Cambourne South station

Cambourne South station (new)

Cambridge South (proposed)

Cambourne South station (new)

St Neots South Option B station (new)

Bedford station

Bedford St Johns

Kempston Hardwick

Stewartby

Millbrook

Lidlington
Route alignment 9
The purple alignment

Legend
- Route Alignment 9
- Other station
- Station used by East West Rail services
- Station that may be used by East West Rail services
- Proposed A428 Alignment
- Other area of East West Rail

Route Alignment 9
Tempford Option A station to Cambourne North station

Cambridge station
Cambridge South (proposed)

Bedford station
St Neots

Stewartby
Millbrook
Kempston Hardwick

Newnham
Sandy

Bunthorne
Shelfield

Bedford St Johns

Lidlington

Legend:
- Route Alignment 9
- Other station
- Station used by East West Rail services
- Station that may be used by East West Rail services
- Proposed A428 Alignment
- Other area of East West Rail
Approaching Cambridge from the north

- 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>
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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 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
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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