

# Active Travel

**While the focus of East West Rail (EWR) is on ensuring that there is connectivity between the cities and towns through building a railway, thinking about the complete journey people make, getting to and from a train station, door-to-door is an essential consideration for us.**

## **What is active travel?**

Active travel is a way of making everyday journeys physically active - like walking, wheeling (using a wheelchair or mobility aid), cycling, or scootering. There are lots of benefits to this type of journey, any kind of physical activity is good for us and also helps take cars off the road, reducing local road congestion and air pollution. The more people who choose active travel for a whole or part of their journey, the better it is for everyone.

## **Active travel and East West Rail**

As we continue to work on designs for the railway and plans for train stations we are thinking about how EWR can help aid more active travel whilst remaining accessible for everyone. This means there will still be car parking options available, but we want to give people the choice to leave their car at home by making it simple and easy to travel to and from stations in other ways.

We are exploring lots of different options as we design the railway including thinking about things like how we choose station locations, how stations connect with other public transport like buses or with infrastructure like cycle lanes. We want to make sure the designs we come up with are suitable for everyone and represent the best value for the taxpayer.

## Some examples where active travel is being considered

At **Winslow** we're building a brand new station, and we've been working closely with Buckinghamshire County Council to create a station travel plan to make sure that both active travel and integration with other transport links are considered for the station and surrounding community.


In **Bletchley**, we're working with the local authority and other local stakeholders to expand connectivity between the existing station and the surrounding area, and to develop our understanding of how improving public spaces, as well as opportunities for active travel, could support this. One idea under consideration that could help with this is a new eastern entrance to the station. As with any additions to a project, there are funding implications for this approach which will be considered in the round.

Looking at the route options to connect Bedford to Cambourne, active travel is a key consideration, with a potential station at **Tempsford** expected to provide greater accessibility for more people through strengthening opportunities to integrate different types of active travel.

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