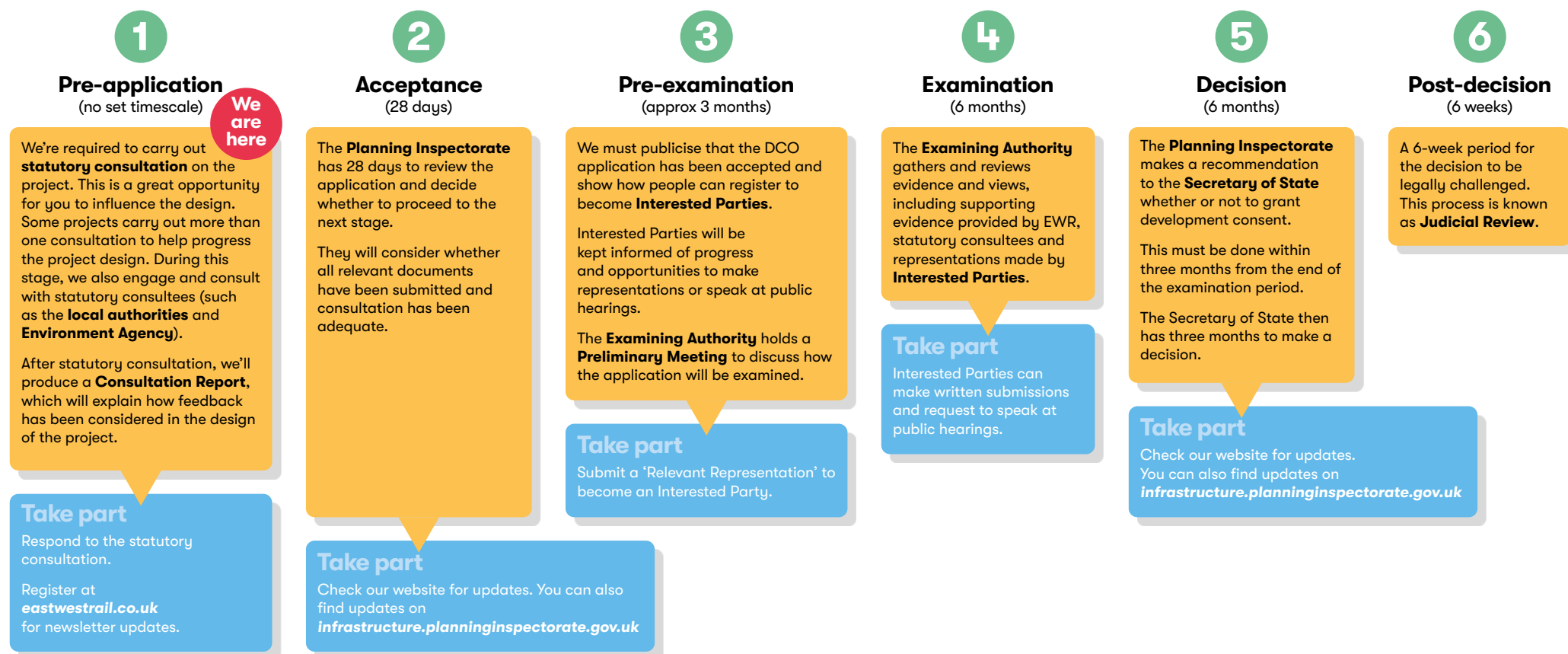


Development Consent Order (DCO)

East West Rail is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) as set out in the Planning Act 2008. Because of this, we must make an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to get approval to build the section of the railway between Bedford and Cambridge.

The DCO application is made up of a series of documents and plans including a draft DCO, Environmental Statement, Compulsory Acquisition information and a Consultation Report.

This diagram explains each of the six stages of DCO as well as how you can take part.



Key terminology – DCO

Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project

Projects of a certain type and over a certain size, which are considered by Government to be so big that permission to build them needs to be given at the national level.

Statement of Community Consultation

A document that will be written by EWR Co, in consultation with the relevant local authorities, which describes how we propose to consult the local community about the project. We must carry out statutory consultation in line with what's said in this document.

Statutory consultation

A formal consultation that must align to the Planning Act 2008 legislation.

Applicant

The organisation responsible for developing the project. In this instance, the applicant is East West Rail Co.

Secretary of State (SoS)

The government minister who makes the final decision, following a recommendation by the Examining Authority, whether to grant the DCO. For EWR, this will be the SoS for Transport.

Planning Inspectorate (PINS)

The executive agency of the UK government responsible for managing Development Consent Order applications.

Examining Authority (ExA)

The panel of one or more Inspectors, who work for PINS, who examine an application.

Affected Person

Related to land and rights, a person is an Affected Person if the applicant knows that the person is interested in the land to which a Compulsory Acquisition request relates. If you are an Affected Person, you are automatically an Interested Party for the purposes of an Examination.

Interested Party (IP)

A person, group, or company who has registered to participate in the Examination. Interested Parties will be kept informed of progress and opportunities to make representations. Some people and organisations are automatically Interested Parties, but others will need to register by making a Relevant Representation around the Acceptance stage.

Relevant Representation

A summary of the elements of the project that a person agrees and/or disagrees with and their reasons why. This must be submitted to the Examining Authority to register as an Interested Party before the Examination begins.