

Head of Land and Property

Employer:	East West Railway Company (EWR Co)
Location:	London initially, then based in the Oxford-Cambridge corridor
Basis:	Permanent
Role Summary:	Unique opportunity to support the development of a nationally significant infrastructure project currently in its initial stages through developing and managing the requirements management capabilities in this new organisation.
Team dimensions:	Reporting directly to the Engineering Director

Would you like to be at the forefront of the changing landscape of the rail industry?

A little bit about us:

East West Rail is a proposed new rail link between Oxford, Milton Keynes, Bedford, Cambridge and potentially beyond. As part of the wider plans for this strategically important corridor, it is one of the most high profile infrastructure projects in the UK today. The new railway will improve local connectivity and serve as a catalyst for economic development and the creation of new housing, as well as significantly reducing existing journey times.

Key accountabilities:

We are looking for an experienced property professional to progress the East West Rail property strategy to support the DCO application and the long term management of East West Rail Company's estate and liabilities.

This senior position is suited to an experienced professional with extensive experience of progressing strategy for complex land negotiations and acquisitions as well as long term sustainable estates management.

Role requirements:

- Strategic advice to our directors and internal shareholders.
- Input to the EWR Co. risk register.
- Develop the EWR Co. property strategy and management plan.
- Lead and manage an appointed team carrying out: land referencing, negotiations, and preparation of land plans and book of reference and preparation of the draft DCO
- For the purposes of land and rights required, manage the interfaces between the engineering, environmental and land referencing disciplines to ensure processes are adhered to, and to ensure accuracy and consistency of scheme limits and land parcels.
- Undertake the lead technical assurance role in reviewing and assuring the relevant teams' deliverables.
- Production of EWR Co.'s statement of reasons and support in preparing funding statement for the DCO application.
- Technical expert witness for EWR Co.
- Manage the referencing of owners and occupiers, and the service of notices of entry for survey purposes.
- Manage the referencing activities and compulsory acquisition process.
- Long term estate and liabilities management.

You should apply if you have:

- You will be a member of RICS (or equivalent).
- You will have experience of performing a similar role in dealing with large scale and complex infrastructure projects.
- You will be an experienced leader within an estates or property management environment, with a demonstrable track record of successfully managing a diverse range of stakeholders.
- Effective communicator with a proven track record of informing and influencing decision making at a senior level.
- Experience of managing teams and consultants.
- Proven track record of successful acquisitions and negotiations.
- Knowledge of data (including spatial and stakeholder data) management.
- Track record in dealing with land referencing and mapping, plus preparation of supporting statements and evidence, for a DCO and or a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO).
- Track record of implementing compulsory purchase powers and of the Compensation Code including relevant statutes and established practices.
- Track record in land assembly and registration.
- You should be able to evidence an ability to develop cultures of continuous improvement and using lessons learned and insights to inform strategy as a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
- It is expected that you will actively promote and embed Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) in all your work and support and comply with all organisational initiatives, policies and procedures on EDI

Education and Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree/MSc (or equivalent) in a relevant environmental discipline or equivalent business experience and training
- Chartered Environmentalist or Practitioner IEMA Membership working towards chartered status

You will need to have the right to work in the UK.

Join the team!

Please send your resume and a covering letter explaining why you are interested in the role and meet the above experience requirements to: **recruitment@eastwestrail.co.uk**