



East West Rail Non-Statutory Consultation

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(questions only included if we submitted a response)

1 About you

1.1 Please tell us which of the following describes your interest in the project

Interest group

1.2 If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, group or landowner, please provide further details below

Name: Enroute Group CIC

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Your role: Joint Chief Executive

2 Oxford to Bletchley

2.1 Please tell us your preference for maintaining access for pedestrians, cyclists and other users at Bicester London Road level crossing

No preference

3 Marston Vale Line stations and service concept

3.1 Please tell us which of the options for the Marston Vale Line stations you prefer

Consolidated Stations Option (Concept 2)

3.2 Please use the box to explain your answer

At present, the Marston Vale Line line speed is painfully slow, making driving the much more efficient method of transport. This, in part, owes to the sluggish nature of the line in terms of pre-1960s small village halt-style stations. In the 21st

century we must consider whether maintaining these stations in small villages and hamlets is realistic, and build more effective, better-served stations in higher population areas, which also maintain park and ride facilities for users of closed stations. This approach will deliver better for the local economy between Bletchley and Bedford than maintaining the status-quo of keeping these other minor stations open.

3.3 Please tell us your preference for the proposed location of Ridgmont station

No preference

3.4 Please tell us your preference for the proposed location of Stewartby station

No preference

4 Bedford

4.1 Please use the box below to provide any comments you have about our proposals in the Bedford route section

We are supportive of all measures proposed as part of East West Rail in the Bedford area, including the redevelopment and expansion of Bedford station.

5 Clapham Green to Colesden

5.1 Please use the box below to provide any comments you have about our proposals in the Clapham Green to Colesden route section

We are supportive of all measures proposed as part of East West Rail in the Clapham green to Colesden area.

6 Roxton to east of St Neots

6.1 Please tell us your preference for the Tempsford alignment

No preference

6.2 Please use the box below to provide any comments you have about our proposals in the Roxton to east of St Neots route section

We are supportive of all measures proposed as part of East West Rail in the Roxton to east of St Neots area, including the new station at Tempsford including interchange onto the East Coast Main Line. We'd also ask EWR to consider the feasibility of developing a 'St Neots East' or 'St Neots Parkway' station at the large urban development at Wintringham.

7 Croxton to Toft

7.1 Please use the box below to provide any comments you have about our proposals in the Croxton to Toft route section

We are supportive of all measures proposed as part of East West Rail in the Croxton to Toft area, including the new station at Cambourne.

8 Comberton to Shelford

8.1 Please tell us your preference for Newton to Harston connectivity

No preference

8.2 Please tell us to what extent you support us providing an additional footbridge between Newton and Harston

Strongly support

8.3 Please use the box below to explain your answer to question 18a

Encourages additional take up of active travel modes nearby a city where walking and cycling is already popular.

8.4 Please tell us to what extent you support us providing an additional footbridge to the east of the Hauxton Road level crossing

Strongly support

8.5 Please use the box below to explain your answer to question 19a

Encourages additional take up of active travel modes nearby a city where walking and cycling is already popular.

8.6 Please use the box below to provide any comments you have about our proposals in the Comberton to Shelford route section

We are supportive of all measures proposed as part of East West Rail in the Comberton to Shelford area.

9 Cambridge

9.1 Please use the box below to provide any comments you have about our proposals in the Cambridge route section

We are supportive of all measures proposed as part of East West Rail in the Cambridge area. We are also supportive of the potential for a new station to the east of Cambridge on the line to Newmarket, enhancing connectivity.

10 Route-wide matters

10.1 Please use the box below to provide any comments you have in relation to these route-wide matters

We are in significant support of fully electrifying East West Rail from the outset and providing passive provision for OLE if this is not possible in the immediate short-term future.

In line with our 2050 Vision (<https://enroute.cic.com/2050vision/rail-infrastructure>) we'd like to see the following service frequencies at EWR's new stations, if not this, exceeded:

For settlements of over 8,000, a minimum of 1tph towards a major settlement with other connecting services.

For settlements of over 25,000, a minimum of 2tph towards a major settlement with other connecting services.

For settlements of over 50,000, a minimum of 4tph towards a major settlement with other connecting services.

We define a major settlement with other connecting services as a town or city with a population of over 150,000, with direct rail links to London, Birmingham and Manchester.

For example, for those living in Bow Brickhill (with a nearby population of around 14,000), we'd expect at least 1 train per hour direct to either Milton Keynes Central or Cambridge, where passengers can also change for trains to London and Birmingham.