



Consultation 2026

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Feedback form



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Milton Keynes Central



How to use this feedback form

We are holding a consultation to help refine proposals for East West Rail before we submit our Development Consent Order (DCO) application.

Please use this form to share your views. You can comment on any part of the project, including areas that are new or have changed since the last consultation. You don't need to answer every question – just the ones that matter to you.

If you need more space, feel free to attach extra pages and include the relevant question numbers. You can also send any supporting documents or images by post or email along with your form.

For more detail on our proposals, please refer to our **consultation brochure** and other materials at eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation2026

This form includes questions about you, our latest proposals and the consultation itself. The contents table below outlines what's included.

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How to submit your response

You can respond to this consultation by:



Completing the feedback form online at **eastwestrail.co.uk/feedback**



Emailing a copy of the feedback form to **consultation@eastwestrail.co.uk**



Sending a copy of the feedback form to **Freepost EAST WEST RAIL.**



Handing in a copy of the feedback form at a **consultation event**.
(You can find the full list of consultation events in chapter 22 of the consultation brochure).

The deadline for submitting your response to the consultation is **23:59 on 9 June 2026**. Please make sure that you submit your response before the deadline.

If you require information in an alternative format or language please email **contact@eastwestrail.co.uk** or call **0330 134 0067**.

How to find more information

You can find out more about our proposals and this consultation using the following methods:

- Visit our website **eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation2026**
- Subscribe to our **newsletter**
- Email us at **contact@eastwestrail.co.uk**
- Phone us on **0330 134 0067**
- Speak with us at a **consultation event**

How your feedback will be used

We're holding this consultation to ask for your views on our updated proposals, which include new elements as well as where our proposals have changed significantly from the previous consultation.

It's important that you're involved in our consultation process as this gives you the opportunity to inform our designs so that the proposed railway addresses local needs and priorities.

How we will use your personal information

All personal information received as part of the consultation will be handled in accordance with our privacy policy which can be found at eastwestrail.co.uk/privacy-at-ewr-co

Copies of consultation responses may be requested by the Planning Inspectorate or the Examining Authority after we submit the DCO application.

If you give us personal information about other people you must first make sure that you have obtained all necessary permission from that person for you to pass this information on to us.

About our consultations

This is our fourth consultation following previous consultations held in 2019, 2021 and 2024. Each consultation enables us to understand your views about the evolving design proposals that we consult on. We can then consider your views as part of ongoing design of the railway.

Questions we're asking about you

All questions in this section are optional. They help us to understand more about you as a respondent, including where you are located and your interest in the project.

**1. Please tell us which of the following describes your interest in the project:
(Please tick all that apply)**

- Local resident
- Local business owner
- Affected local land/property owner
(Please provide Party ID letter reference in question 2)
- Representative of an affected local land/property owner
(Please provide Party ID letter reference in question 2)
- Current rail user within the area
- Potential rail user within the area
- Commuter to/from the area
- Future resident
- Visitor to the area
- Elected representative/councillor
- Organisation
- Interest/community group
- Other
(Please state below)

- 2. If you have received a letter identifying you as having an interest in land, please add your Party ID letter reference number in the box below:**

- 3. Please provide your contact details:
(If you would prefer to remain anonymous, we would be grateful if you could provide the first part of your postcode, so we can understand where you live in relation to the project)**

Title:

First name:

Surname:

Address (First Line):

Address (Second Line):

Town/City:

County:

Postcode:

Email address:

Telephone number:

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4. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, group or affected landowner, please provide further details below:

Organisation/group/landowner name:

Organisation/group/landowner address (First Line):

Organisation/group/landowner address (Second Line):

Organisation/group/landowner address (Town/City):

Organisation/group/landowner address (County):

Organisation/group/landowner address (Postcode):

Your role in organisation, group or representing landowner:

**5. Please provide your age range:
(Please tick one box)**

- 18 and under
- 19 to 34
- 35 to 50
- 51 to 65
- Over 65

Questions we're asking about our proposals

This is your opportunity to have your say on our updated proposals.

In questions 6 to 16 we're asking for your feedback on elements of our proposals that are new or have changed significantly since our previous consultation in 2024. In question 17 you can provide any other feedback you have about the project and our proposals. You do not need to complete all the questions if you only have an interest in a specific part of the project.

Please do not include personal data in the following comment boxes unless it is strictly necessary. Responses will be analysed for the purposes of the consultation and may be processed using software tools, with human review and quality assurance, to help identify themes and draft summaries. All responses are handled in accordance with our privacy policy.

Bicester

We're proposing to close the London Road level crossing in Bicester and provide a single-lane underpass that could be used by vehicles no more than 2.1 metres high, alongside a protected active travel corridor for walking, wheeling and cycling. This underpass would be subject to third party funding.

More details can be found in chapter 12 of the consultation brochure.

- 6. Please use the box below to provide any feedback you have about our revised underpass proposals for London Road level crossing.**

Bletchley West passing loops and train maintenance depot

We're proposing to construct a train maintenance depot (TMD) west of Bletchley near Whaddon Road, on the north side of the East West Rail main line, as well as westbound and eastbound passing loops in the same area.

The TMD would be used for the stabling, inspection, cleaning and maintenance of trains and would be the primary location where trains are parked and fully serviced. The passing loops would allow faster trains to overtake slower services, providing flexibility and reliability of services.

More details can be found in chapter 12 of the consultation brochure.

- 7. Please use the box below to provide any feedback you have about our proposals for a train maintenance depot and passing loops at Bletchley West.**

Bletchley station eastern entrance

We're proposing to include a new eastern entrance to Bletchley station within our design. The new station entrance would improve connectivity to the town and the surrounding area, make it easier for people to access the railway and local amenities and support wider regeneration aspirations. The eastern entrance would provide access to the station via Saxon Street and allow passengers to reach the platforms via an accessible footbridge, lifts and stairs. The new eastern entrance would be subject to third party funding.

More details can be found in chapter 12 of the consultation brochure.

- 8. Please use the box below to provide any feedback you have about our proposals for an eastern entrance at Bletchley station.**

Fenny Stratford to Kempston station connectivity

We've decided to proceed with the consolidated stations option for this section of the Marston Vale Line (MVL), which means we would consolidate nine existing stations into four new stations at Woburn Sands, Ridgmont, Lidlington and Stewartby.

We've previously consulted on our station locations and have used your feedback to inform our proposals. We're now interested in your views on our more developed connectivity proposals for all the new stations.

More details can be found in chapter 13 of the consultation brochure.

- 9. Please use the box below to provide any feedback you have about our connectivity proposals to the new stations including walking, wheeling, cycling and equestrian routes.**

Marston Vale Line level crossing proposal updates

We've updated our proposals for seven level crossings on the Marston Vale Line since our previous consultation. Our latest proposals for these level crossings are shown in the table below.

More details can be found in chapter 13 of the consultation brochure.

10. Please use the boxes below to provide any feedback you have on our proposals for these level crossings.

Level crossing name	Our consultation proposal	Your consultation feedback
Fenny Stratford (Simpson Road)	Close and divert the highway via Watling Street and Bilton Road. Provide a new route for walking, wheeling and cycling alongside the Grand Union Canal.	
Bow Brickhill (V10 Brickhill Street)	Close and provide a road bridge at the crossing.	
Husborne Crawley 10	Close and divert via Husborne Footpath 6 and new Ridgmont station footbridge.	

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Level crossing name	Our consultation proposal	Your consultation feedback
Ridgmont (Station Road)	Close and divert traffic via the A507 and provide a new footbridge.	
Playing Field	Close and provide a stepped footbridge.	
Millbrook (Station Lane)	Close and divert traffic via Bury Ware, the A507 and Sandhill Close, and provide a footbridge north of the crossing.	
Wootton Broadmead (Broadmead Road)	Close and provide a road bridge at the crossing.	

South of Bedford and Bedford St Johns station

We've updated our proposals in the south Bedford area, including:

- Realigning the track curve south of Bedford St Johns station. As a result of this we're making changes to the open spaces near the Cauldwell Community Centre.
- Revising the Bedford St Johns station design to better fit with Bedford Borough Council and Bedford Hospital plans in the local area.
- A new location for the multi-storey car park, accessed from a new traffic light-controlled junction on Britannia Road.
- Further developing our plans to reduce the extent of roadworks in the area, including work to Amphill Road and Cauldwell Street bridges.

More details can be found in chapter 14 of the consultation brochure.

11. Please use the box below to provide any feedback you have about our revised proposals for south Bedford and Bedford St Johns station.

Bedford station

We've updated our proposals for Bedford station, including a new civic plaza, remodelling the eastern entrance to the station, a new western entrance, a new platform for fast trains to London, and a new location for the multi-storey car park.

More details can be found in chapter 14 of the consultation brochure.

- 12. Please use the box below to provide any feedback you have about our proposals to redevelop Bedford station.**

Cambourne station

We're proposing a revised location for the new Cambourne station, which is 700 metres west of the location previously identified, slightly to the east of the A428 Cambourne roundabout. We're incorporating a number of active travel measures to access the station as part of the proposal.

More details can be found in chapter 17 of the consultation brochure.

- 13. Please use the box below to provide any feedback you have about our proposals for Cambourne station.**

Cambridge station Clifton Road eastern entrance

We're considering a new entrance on the eastern side of Cambridge station on Clifton Road. This would include a new station building, a passenger pick-up and drop-off area, and parking for people with reduced mobility. We're also incorporating an active travel hub as part of the proposal.

More details can be found in chapter 19 of the consultation brochure.

- 14. Please use the box below to provide any feedback you have about our proposals for the new eastern entrance at Cambridge station.**

Cambridge East station

We're proposing to construct a new station called Cambridge East on the existing Newmarket Line, near Cambridge City Airport. Our proposals include passenger facilities and connections to walking, wheeling and cycling routes, linking to existing and proposed active travel corridors such as the Tins path and Phase 2 of the Fulbourn Greenway. The provision of Cambridge East station would be subject to third party funding.

More details can be found in chapter 19 of the consultation brochure.

- 15. Please use the box below to provide any feedback you have about our proposals for Cambridge East station.**

Cambridge Eastern train care centre

We have identified Fulbourn as a potential location for the Cambridge Eastern train care centre. A train care centre would be required to support the day-to-day operation of East West Rail services, including train stabling, cleaning and routine preparation.

More details can be found in chapter 19 of the consultation brochure.

- 16. Please use the box below to provide any feedback you have about our proposals for Cambridge Eastern train care centre.**

Other feedback

17. Please use the box below to provide any further feedback you have about the project and our proposals for East West Rail. Please include relevant location information to help us understand your feedback.

You can also use this box to provide any comments you may have on our approach to:

- The assessment and mitigation of environmental impacts
- Construction
- Door-to-door connectivity and active travel
- Good design

More information about these topics can be found within our consultation brochure.

Questions we're asking about our consultation

The following questions in this section help us to understand more about our approach to consultation and the information we presented.

**18. Please tell us how you found out about this consultation:
(Please tick all that apply)**

- Postcard received in the post
- Letter received in the post
- Press release/media
- Newspaper advert
- East West Rail website
- Social media
- Information poster
- Word of mouth
- "Keeping you Connected" East West Rail digital newsletter
- Other
(Please state below)

**19. Please tell us how helpful you found our consultation material:
(Please tick one box)**

- Very helpful
- Helpful
- Neither helpful nor unhelpful
- Unhelpful
- Very unhelpful
- Don't know



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