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Tuesday 2nd April 2024

To: All members of the Planning, Licensing & Development Committee

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Notice of Meeting

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Planning, Licencing & Development Committee to be held on Monday 8th April 2024 commencing at 6:30pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, The Local Centre, Council Chamber, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG, when the business set out in the following agenda will be transacted.

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Steve McNay Council Manager

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AGENDA

LD 129/24 Apologies:

To receive and accept apologies from members unable to attend the meeting.

LD 130/24 Declarations of Interest:

Under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, made under s30 (3) of the Localism Act, members must declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting, and any additional interests not previously declared.

LD 131/24 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):

To receive questions and statements from members of the public.

LD 132/24 Chairs announcements:

To receive announcements from the Chair.

LD 133/24 Minutes of previous meeting(s):

To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on:

• Monday 5th February 2024.

(Attached)

LD 134/24 To agree submissions to Milton Keynes City Council on the Planning Application(s) received:

a) Application no: 24/00388/FULM

Proposal: Variation of condition 3 (ages 16-21) seeking to change the age range to 12-17 years of age (relating to permission ref. 16/03523/FUL Change of use from dwelling house (use class C3) to supported living accommodation (C2))

At: 80 Waterside Peartree Bridge Milton Keynes MK6 3DG

b) Application no: 24/00504/FUL

Proposal: External retrofit of 380 properties owned by MKCC, by upgrading the thermal performance of walls, roofs, perimeter of the ground floor, windows, doors, improving air tightness, improving means of controlled ventilation and reducing summertime overheating (Regulation 3 application under the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992)

At: The Netherfield Estate Milton Keynes

(Reports by the Council Manager attached)

LD 135/24 To inform the committee of decisions issued by MKCC: (Report by the Council Manager attached)

LD 136/24 To consider licensing application(s), and to agree any submissions: (Report by the Council Manager attached)

LD 137/24 Planning issues for committee information, including any enforcement issues. (Report by Council Manager attached)

LD 138/24 To inform the committee regarding the East / West Rail publicity and proposed timeline for engagement and delivery. (Report by the Council Manager attached)

Date of next meeting:

To be confirmed at the Annual Meeting, taking place on 7th May 2024.

Likely to be Tuesday 14th May.

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Woughton Community Council

Planning, Licensing & Development Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th February 2024, 6:30pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, the Council Chamber, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.

Present: Clirs Sue Smith (Chair), Eamonn Bobey, Penny Glasgow, Luke Louis, Deanne Norris, Alan Williamson.

Also present:

Steve McNay (Council Manager).

LD 120/24 Apologies:

Cllr Janette Bobey (substituted by Cllr Eamonn Bobey)

Cllr Ruth McMillan (unwell) Cllr April Rennie (unwell)

Proposal that these absences are agreed as 'accepted' – RESOLVED by way of vote – unanimous.

LD 121/24 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

RESOLVED - NOTED

LD 122/24 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):

There were no questions from the public.

RESOLVED - NOTED

LD 123/24 Chairs announcements:

The Chair thanked those that attended the leaving 'do' for Brian Barton on Friday.

The Chair thanked those that attended the initial Neighbourhood Plan meeting on Beanhill on Thursday.

The Chair thanked Jillie for providing the cakes.

RESOLVED - NOTED

LD 124/24 Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024, were **AGREED** as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Glasgow. All in favour. RESOLVED

LD 125/24 To agree submissions to Milton Keynes City Council on the Planning Application(s) received:

a) Application no: 23/02738/CLUE

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of property as House in Multiple Occupation

At: 55 Waterside Peartree Bridge Milton Keynes MK6 3DE

RESOLVED - That the committee has no comment to this application.

b) Application no: 24/00079/COUM

Proposal: Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) seeking to amend approved colour to cladding panels (relating to permission ref. 23/00242/COU for the change of use of warehouse (use class B8) to a car servicing unit with ancillary car showroom and associated works (use class B2))

At: Unit 3 Core Milton Keynes Merton Drive Redmoor Milton Keynes

Application no: 24/00081/ADV

Proposal: Advertisement consent for the display of 1 face lit Tesla logo mounted to side of building, 1 face lit Tesla letters mounted to front of building, 1 face lit Tesla logo mounted to front of building

At: Unit 3 Core Milton Keynes Merton Drive Redmoor Milton Keynes

RESOLVED - That the committee has no comment to these applications.

c) Application no: 24/00086/DISCON

Proposal: Approval of details required by condition 4 (Landscaping), condition 6 (Lighting Plan), condition 7 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan), condition 11 (Surface water drainage) of permission ref. 22/03184/FULM

At: Milton Keynes University Hospital Standing Way Eaglestone Milton Keynes MK6 5LD **RESOLVED - That the committee has no comment to this application.**

d) Application no: 24/00092/COU

Proposal: Change of use from a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to a care facility for one young person (under the age of 18 but over the age of 16) (Use Class C2) At: 4 Blisworth Tinkers Bridge Milton Keynes MK6 3DH

RESOLVED - That the committee has no comment to this application.

e) Application No: 24/00122/PRIOR

Proposal: Prior Approval of single storey rear extension, with eaves of 2.7 metres and maximum height of 2.7 metres, extending 5.4 metres from the original rear wall At: 33 Medale Road Beanhill Milton Keynes MK6 4NA

RESOLVED - That the committee has no comment to this application.

LD 126/24 To inform the committee of decisions issued by MKCC RESOLVED - That the committee noted the report.

LD 127/24 To consider licensing application(s), and to agree any submissions: RESOLVED - That the committee had no concerns regarding the application.

LD 128/24 To inform the committee regarding the New City Plan publicity and proposed timeline for engagement and delivery.

RESOLVED – That the committee agrees that:

- a) That the committee agrees to WCC officers promoting engagement with this process
- b) That the council manager informs the committee as soon as the 'parish engagement' session dates have been agreed.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 4th March 2024, 6:30pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, The Local Centre, Council Chambers, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:02PM

Chair	Date	

WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning, Licensing and Development Committee – 8th April 2024

Agenda Item LD 134/24a

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To consider Application no: 24/00388/FULM

Proposal: Variation of condition 3 (ages 16-21) seeking to change the age range to 12-17 years of age (relating to permission ref. 16/03523/FUL Change of use from dwelling house (use class C3) to supported living accommodation (C2))

At: 80 Waterside Peartree Bridge Milton Keynes MK6 3DG

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the committee notes this report and associated documents
- 2. That the committee offers any views on this application, considering the rules around 'material considerations' only.
- 3. That if the committee considers there are any valid objections, that these are provided and passed to the planning authority by the Council Manager before 16th April 2024

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

This is an application to vary the age range of young people who are supported via this property.

A change of use from dwelling house to supported accommodation was permitted (see 16/03523/FUL from December 2016). This application requests that the age range changes to allow support to younger children.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

https://publicaccess2.milton-keynes.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summarv&kevVal=S959JFKWHMO00

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WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning, Licensing and Development Committee

8th April 2024

Agenda Item LD 134/24b

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To consider Application no: 24/00504/FUL

Proposal: External retrofit of 380 properties owned by MKCC, by upgrading the thermal performance of walls, roofs, perimeter of the ground floor, windows, doors, improving air tightness, improving means of controlled ventilation and reducing summertime overheating (Regulation 3 application under the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992) At: The Netherfield Estate Milton Keynes

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the committee notes this report and associated documents
- 2. That the committee offers any views on this application, considering the rules around 'material considerations' only.
- 3. That if the committee considers there are any valid objections, that these are provided and passed to the planning authority by the Council Manager before 24th April 2024

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

This application is the second phase of the SHDF scheme, looking at a further cohort of properties (on this one, 380 homes) with a very similar, but hopefully less disruptive, approach to the current delivery. As detailed in the application:

'Kev aims of the retrofit works are:

- to improve the thermal envelope to meet the agreed target for all dwellings to reach EPC Band C.
- lower energy costs for residents.
- improve internal thermal comfort, reduce condensation.
- upgrade the external envelope, currently in poor condition, with low maintenance materials and finishes.
- improve the appearance of the facades.

These works are to be implemented primarily by external retrofit only, though a limited degree of internal works will be necessary.

The Wave 2 application covers The Hide, Farthing Grove and Broadlands, plus a small number of end-of-terrace flat blocks on Langland Road, Beadlemead and Farmborough.

This Planning Statement for Wave 2 follows on from the Planning Statement for Wave 1 (planning approval reference 22/02579/FUL). The original streetscape follows the same general design across the whole estate and many of the archetypes from Wave 1 are found in Wave 2. Therefore this statement responds to the same policies referred to in the Wave 1 application, with additional information included for the archetypes that are exclusive to the Wave 2 areas.'

The experience of residents who have been part of the phase one project appears to be that the process can be difficult, that it took much longer than anticipated but that the end product (for those that have reached that point) is good, with significant improvements in heat retention and lowering of energy bills. However, councillors are encouraged to liaise with residents to gather more views in advance of this meeting if they feel this would be helpful in determining any feedback to the planning authority (or indeed, the contractors).

Given the level of detail, councillors are encouraged to consider whether this application is sufficiently different from the previously agreed works and if so, whether there is anything in this application that would form a 'material consideration' in planning terms.

To this end, committee members are encouraged to spend some time in advance of the meeting reviewing the wide range of documents contained within the link below, if they feel that this is an application that warrants this approach.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

There are a lot of papers that provide wider detail on the specific designs, work that is planned and overall aims of the project available via the planning portal at: https://publicaccess2.milton-keynes.gov.uk/online-

applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S9TSXMKWI1B00

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WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning, Licensing and Development Committee – 8th April 2024

Agenda Item LD 135/24

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To inform the committee of decisions issued by MKCC Planning Department since the previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the committee notes the report.

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY DETERMINE THAT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORITY IS **NOT REQUIRED**

Application No: 24/00122/PRIOR

Prior Approval of single storey rear extension, with eaves of 2.7 metres and maximum height

of 2.7 metres, extending 5.4 metres from the original rear wall

At: 33 Medale Road Beanhill Milton Keynes MK6 4NA

CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS EXISTING - REFUSED

Application no: 23/02738/CLUE

The Milton Keynes City Council hereby certify that on 12th January 2024 the existing use or development described in the First Schedule hereto in respect of the land specified in the Second Schedule hereto (and where a plan is attached to this Certificate, the area edged in red) is unlawful within the meaning of section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), for the following reason(s):

(1) The evidence supplied does not demonstrate 'on the balance of probabilities', that the property has been used continuously as a HMO for more than 10 years, or that the property has not been in use as a single Class C3 dwelling since. There is no evidence that the property was used by multiple unrelated people. The use is not therefore immune from enforcement action being taken under clause 3 of Section 171B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

Application no: 24/00081/ADV

Milton Keynes City Council, under their powers provided by the above legislation, Permit the Advertisement consent for the display of 1 face lit Tesla logo mounted to side of building, 1 face lit Tesla letters mounted to front of building, 1 face lit Tesla logo mounted to front of building (Part Retrospective)

At: Unit 3 Core Milton Keynes Merton Drive Redmoor Milton Keynes

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Milton Keynes City Council, under their powers provided by the above legislation, **Permit** the Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) seeking to amend approved colour to cladding panels (relating to permission ref. 23/00242/COU for the change of use of warehouse (use class B8) to a car servicing unit with ancillary car showroom and associated works (use class B2)) (Retrospective)

At: Unit 3 Core Milton Keynes Merton Drive Redmoor Milton Keynes

FULL PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

Application no: 24/00092/COU

Milton Keynes City Council, under their powers provided by the above legislation, **Permit** the **Change** of use from a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to a care facility for one young person (under the age of 18 but over the age of 16) (Use Class C2)

At: 4 Blisworth Tinkers Bridge Milton Keynes MK6 3DH

In accordance with your application, valid on 23rd January 2024.

FULL PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

Application no: 23/02859/FUL

Milton Keynes City Council, under their powers provided by the above legislation, **Permit** the **Provision of two surface level car parks**, an accessible WC and associated works At: Milton Keynes University Hospital Standing Way Eaglestone Milton Keynes MK6 5LD

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WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning, Licensing and Development Committee

8th April 2024

Agenda Item: LD 136/24

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To consider licensing application(s) detailed below

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the committee notes this report and any associated documents
- 2. That the committee offers any views on these applications, considering legislation and community concerns
- 3. That if the committee considers there are any valid objections, that these are provided and passed to the licensing authority by the Council Manager before dates noted.

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

Licensing application for consideration is:

Boroughwide Street Trading Consent – Renewal

We have received an application from Pecorella Whip (FJ72 WHP)on 12/03/24for 1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide for the following times:

Monday to Sunday 15:00 to 21:00

If you have any observations to make then would you please advise in writing by the 09/04/24

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

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WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning, Licensing and Development Committee – 8th April 2024

Agenda Item LD 137/24

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To update the committee on planning related issues, including enforcement actions and reports.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the committee notes the report.

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

24/00063/ENF 38 Farthing Grove Netherfield

The Council, in its capacity as the local planning authority, has received a complaint alleging a breach of planning control at the above address. The alleged breach is:

Description of alleged breach Running a HMO from a residential property

24/00066/ENF 26 Merlin Walk Eaglestone

The Council, in its capacity as the local planning authority, has received a complaint alleging a breach of planning control at the above address. The alleged breach is:

Description of alleged breach Installation of a wall at the front of the property with breezeblock size material

24/00076/CMP 6 Ferndale Eaglestone

The Council, in its capacity as the local planning authority, has received a complaint alleging a breach of planning control at the above address. The alleged breach is:

Description of alleged breach Compliance check for 21/00536/ENF

6 Ferndale Eaglestone Milton Keynes MK6 5AE

Thank you for contacting the Planning Enforcement Team.

The above enforcement case has now been closed and set up as a compliance and monitoring check, for all future enquiries please use case reference number 24/00076/CMP.

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ENQUIRY

22 Brent Tinkers Bridge Milton Keynes MK6 3DL

Thank you for contacting planning enforcement.

Following an investigation, the alleged unauthorised erection of a second extension at the rear of the property is to be investigated by the Housing team as the property is Council owned.

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WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning, Licensing and Development Committee

8th April 2024

Agenda Item LD 138/24

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To consider Application no: 24/00677/CONINF

Proposal: East West Rail: Consultation on draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) under s.47(2) Planning Act 2008

At: Land Between Bletchley And Woburn Sands Associated With The Route Corridor of The East West Rail Project

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the committee notes this report and associated documents
- 2. That the committee offers any views on this application, considering the rules around 'material considerations' only.
- 3. That if the committee considers there are any valid objections, that these are provided and passed to the planning authority by the Council Manager by 19th April 2024.

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

This is an application for consideration of the plans on how best to engage residents on the proposals around the East / West railway. Whilst these don't directly impact on the parish (with the route being to the south of Woughton), the parish is within the proposed consultation area and as such, WCC has been invited to offer feedback on these proposals.

There are two (2) documents attached, one that is considerably more detailed than the other, but they both lay out the proposed way that the community will be consulted.

The key dates are:

'The first stage of the statutory consultation will be held over an eight-week period from Monday 24 June 2024 until Sunday 18 August 2024. The deadline for responding to the first stage will be 23:59 on Sunday 18 August 2024. Please ensure that you submit your response before the deadline. The second stage will be held over a 12-week period in 2025.

The start date for the second stage of the statutory consultation will be confirmed and publicised at least one month ahead of the start of the consultation period. We will discuss the dates of the second consultation stage with the host local authorities beforehand.'

It is suggested that whilst there is no direct impact, that the consultation is publicized by the council to ensure residents are aware of the proposals.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

East West Rail consultation document East West Rail consultation easy read

AUTHOR

Steve McNay - Council Manager

East West Rail – Statement of Community Consultation

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1.Introduction

1.1. Background

East West Railway Company (EWR Co) has prepared this Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) to set out how we will consult the local community about our proposals for a new railway between Oxford and Cambridge.

We intend to apply to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to authorise the construction and operation of a new railway between Bedford and Cambridge and associated works to the existing railway between Oxford and Bedford. Statutory pre-application consultation is a crucial part of preparing a DCO application and provides an opportunity for the local community to comment on and influence the proposals before the application is finalised.

We will hold our statutory consultation in two stages. The first stage will run for eight weeks from 24 June to 18 August 2024. We intend to hold the second stage – a 12-week consultation – in 2025. This SoCC explains how the two-stage statutory consultation will be carried out, and what level of information will be available at each stage. It provides details about how the local community can take part and how we will use feedback to influence our proposals.

This SoCC has been prepared in accordance with section 47 of the *Planning Act 2008*. We have also considered the guidance on pre-application consultation published by the government (*Planning Act 2008*: *Guidance on the Pre-Application Process*), as well as Planning Inspectorate *Advice Note Two (The role of local authorities in the development consent process)* and *Advice Note Three (EIA consultation and notification)*.

In accordance with section 47(2) of the *Planning Act 2008*, we consulted with the following host local authorities on a draft of this SoCC and had regard to their views before it was finalised:

- · Bedford Borough Council
- Buckinghamshire Council
- Cambridge City Council
- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Central Bedfordshire Council
- Cherwell District Council
- Huntingdonshire District Council
- Oxford City Council
- Oxfordshire County Council
- Milton Keynes City Council
- South Cambridgeshire District Council

1.2. Project description

The East West Rail Project (East West Rail) would provide a direct rail connection between Oxford and Cambridge. East West Rail is being delivered through three Connection Stages:



- Connection Stage 1 enables services to run between Oxford and Milton Keynes. The first part
 of this stage is already in operation, having been completed in 2016, and has improved the
 link between Oxford and Bicester. The second part is currently under construction and will
 extend services further north and east to Bletchley and Milton Keynes. Connection Stage 1 is
 not the subject of this statutory consultation.
- Connection Stage 2 enables direct services between Oxford and Bedford.
- Connection Stage 3 completes East West Rail and would see services run between Oxford and Cambridge via Bletchley and Bedford.

To deliver Connection Stage 2 and Connection Stage 3 a new railway needs to be constructed between Bedford and Cambridge. Associated works are needed between Oxford and Bedford to upgrade and refurbish the existing railway infrastructure. EWR Co proposes to make an application to the Secretary of State for a DCO to authorise the construction and operation of these works. The works needed for Connection Stage 2 and Connection Stage 3 that will be included within the proposed DCO application, are referred to as the 'Project' and are the subject of this statutory consultation.

The Project includes the following main works:

- Construction of a new railway between Bedford and Cambridge including the construction of new stations and car parks at Tempsford and Cambourne
- Improvement works to the existing railway between Oxford and Bedford and the approach into Cambridge, including works to ensure adequacy of stations for expected passenger demand
- New structures and works to existing structures including viaducts, tunnels, bridges, cuttings and embankments
- Improvements to or closure of level crossings and the provision of suitable replacement crossings where required on safety grounds
- Works to manage interfaces with existing highways and public rights of way, watercourses and utilities apparatus
- Environmental mitigation to mitigate the impacts of our proposals

The proposed DCO will also include the necessary rights and powers to ensure delivery of the Project, including powers of compulsory acquisition.

1.3. The story so far

Between 2019 and 2021, we carried out two rounds of non-statutory consultation. The responses to these consultations were considered as we developed our proposals for the Project. At the route update announcement in May 2023, we presented our preferred route alignment for the new railway and other details of our proposals.

Since the route update announcement we have further developed our proposals, leading to some design refinements and changes. We can now present the proposed works between Oxford and Cambridge in more detail, including preliminary information about potential environmental effects and conceptual mitigation measures. The two stages of statutory consultation will give local

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communities along the route an opportunity to provide further comments on the proposals for the Project.

More information regarding the 2019 and 2021 consultations including a summary of the matters raised can be found by accessing the following web pages:

- 2019 Bedford to Cambridge Route Option Consultation Public Feedback Report: <u>Preferred-Route-Option-Announcement-Public-Feedback-Report-v2.pdf</u> (eastwestrail-production.s3.eu west-2 amazonaws com)
- 2019 Bedford to Cambridge Route Option Consultation Public Feedback Report Appendix 1-10: Preferred-Route-Option-Announcement-Public-Feedback-Report-Appendix-1.pdf (eastwestrail-production.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com)
- 2019 Bedford to Cambridge Route Option Consultation Public Feedback Report Appendix 11: Appendix-11.pdf (eastwestrail-production.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com)
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 (eastwestrail-production.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com)
- 2021 Consultation Feedback Report: East West Rail | Consultation feedback report

1.4. The planning process

We intend to submit our DCO application in 2026. We will submit the application to the Planning Inspectorate who will decide whether to accept the application for examination on behalf of the Secretary of State.

In making this decision the Planning Inspectorate will consider whether the DCO application meets the required standards and whether the pre-application consultation requirements have been complied with.

If the application is accepted for examination, interested parties will be able to register their interest in the application with the Planning Inspectorate, allowing them to take part in the examination.

A single inspector or a panel of inspectors (referred to as the Examining Authority) will be appointed to undertake the examination which lasts for a maximum of six months. During the examination, interested parties will be able to submit written comments on the proposals and participate in public hearings.

After the examination, the Examining Authority has three months to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who then has a further three months to decide whether to grant development consent.

Further information on the DCO process can be found at https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/



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1.5. Two-stage consultation

Our pre-application statutory consultation will be carried out in two stages. The first stage will be in June 2024 and we intend to hold the second stage in 2025.

The two stages will provide an increasing level of detail about our proposals which reflects the level of design development reached at each stage. Carrying out two stages of statutory consultation will help us to develop a Project that is informed and understood by the local community and other stakeholders before the DCO application is submitted.

The first stage of the statutory consultation will provide new information, including a full overview of the proposals for the Project including the route alignment and the extent of land required.

In addition, the first stage of the statutory consultation will provide preliminary information about potential environmental effects and the concepts for mitigation that could be used to reduce those impacts. The proposals presented at the first stage of consultation include some locations where options are being considered. The consultation will explain these options together with information about the factors that are being used to inform design decisions.

Following consideration of the responses to the first stage of the statutory consultation and the results of ongoing technical assessments, the second stage of consultation will be carried out. The second stage of the statutory consultation will present more detailed information about the proposals, their likely impacts and proposed mitigation. This information will reflect the more advanced level of design development and environmental assessment reached at that stage. We expect that decisions will have been taken on the locations where options were presented at the previous stage of consultation and the second stage of consultation will present the preferred solution, which is proposed to be included in the DCO application.

We will publicise each stage of consultation as set out in Section 4.

The two stages of statutory consultation may be supplemented by further stages of limited, additional consultation if considered necessary.



2. Environmental information

The Project is classified as an EIA development, which means we are required to assess its likely significant effects on the environment. We will therefore carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the proposals in accordance with the *Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017* (EIA Regulations). The EIA process will identify the likely significant environmental effects of the Project and how these impacts could be mitigated. We will request an opinion from the Secretary of State on the scope of the assessments to be undertaken as part of the EIA.

The findings of the EIA will be documented in an Environmental Statement and a Non-Technical Summary which will be submitted as part of the DCO application.

We will publicise, and seek the local community's views on, preliminary environmental information at each stage of consultation.

First stage of statutory consultation

The consultation material will include an Environmental Update Report. The Environmental Update Report will contain preliminary environmental information including descriptions outlining potential environmental effects of the proposals presented at the first stage of the statutory consultation. The information will be based on the assessments and survey work carried out to date and will a provide high-level overview of potential environmental effects and the concepts that could be used to mitigate them.

Second stage of statutory consultation

The consultation material will include a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). The PEIR will present more detailed information about potential environmental effects including numerical data. The information will be based upon assessments which have made use of survey and investigation information collected prior to the consultation. It will also indicate initial proposals for mitigation measures, and include details of designed mitigation, and construction and operational controls and measures, where appropriate.



3. Consulting the community

3.1 Who will be consulted?

This statutory consultation is seeking the views of local communities along the route and is open to anyone who wishes to take part.

As part of the wider statutory consultation process, we will also seek the views of both host and neighbouring local authorities, statutory bodies, businesses, affected landowners and wider interest groups.

3.2. Accessibility and seldom heard groups

We are committed to enabling the community to have easy access to information contained in the consultation, and to have their say. We have worked with relevant local authorities as well as carrying out our own work to identify a range of seldom heard groups that may otherwise be less likely to respond to the consultation. We have worked with the host local authorities to help define our approach to consultation to reach and consult as many people as possible who could be affected by the Project. Methods to support reaching seldom heard groups may include, as far as practicable:

- Displaying the project's contact telephone number, email and Freepost address in a prominent location on the consultation material enabling consultees to contact the Project team directly with questions or information requests
- Making consultation materials available in alternative forms (upon request) including braille, large print and languages other than English
- Holding consultation events in accessible locations that are compliant with the Equality Act
 2010
- Making use of existing channels of communication with seldom heard groups e.g. via existing local authority channels

3.3 When will the consultation be held?

The first stage of the statutory consultation will be held over an eight-week period from Monday 24 June 2024 until Sunday 18 August 2024. The deadline for responding to the first stage will be 23:59 on Sunday 18 August 2024. Please ensure that you submit your response before the deadline.

The second stage will be held over a 12-week period in 2025.

The start date for the second stage of the statutory consultation will be confirmed and publicised at least one month ahead of the start of the consultation period. We will discuss the dates of the second consultation stage with the host local authorities beforehand.



4. How we will publicise the consultation

4.1. Summary of publicity methodsTable 1 summarises how we will publicise each stage of consultation.

Table 1. Methods for publicising the statutory consultation

	to publicioning the statutory consultation		
Statutory notices	We will publish notices in accordance with statutory requirements in respect of each stage of our statutory consultation. This will include notices published in local and		
	national newspapers.		
Website	Copies of all information about each stage of consultation, including an online feedback		
	form, will be held on our website.		
Press releases	We will issue press releases and provide information to the media about each stage of		
and media	consultation.		
Information postcard	We will distribute a postcard with information about each stage of consultation to properties within the consultation zone set out in section 4.2. The information postcard will contain: • A QR code which recipients scan to receive information about how they can get involved in the consultation, including viewing the consultation material, submitting feedback, consultation events and information point locations and opening hours • Contact details for the Project team including the phone number and Freepost address • Deadline for consultation feedback • The URL of the Project website (www.eastwestrail.co.uk)		
Emails/ newsletter	We will send information to those who have registered to receive information from us at relevant points ahead of and during the consultation period. Individuals can register to receive updates on the home page of the East West Rail webpage.		
Social media	We will promote each stage of consultation on EWR Co's existing social media channels such as YouTube and LinkedIn. Communications will provide bitesize information on the Project, making clear how people can participate in the consultation.		
Information posters	Information posters with details about the consultation will be shared with local facilities (subject to their agreement and availability), such as train stations.		
Awareness- raising through the Local Representative Groups	We have set up Local Representative Groups that include town, parish and district councillors in areas along the route of the Project. These groups will be engaged with to promote each stage of the statutory consultation.		



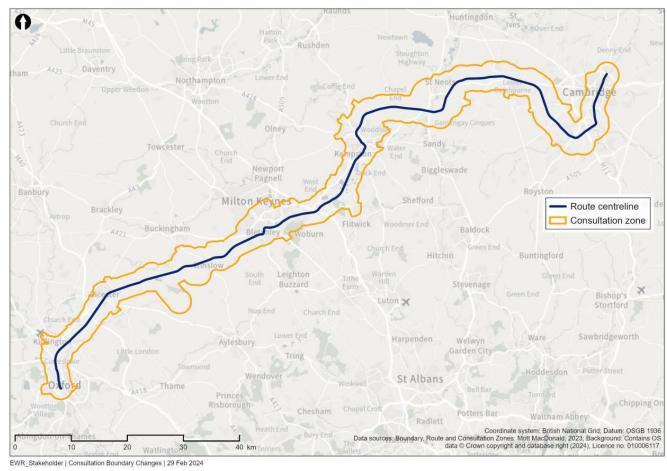
4.2. Consultation zone for information postcard

The consultation zone is the notification area used to inform people living and working in the vicinity of the proposals about the upcoming statutory consultation. The information postcard (see section 4.1) will be sent to properties within this consultation zone. The consultation zone is based on an approximately 2km (1.2 miles) zone around the land to which the proposed DCO application relates (the draft Order Limits). Some extensions have been incorporated into the 2km consultation zone, where appropriate; for example, where part of a residential road, neighbourhood or village has been cut off at the 2km line.

The consultation zone shown in Figure 2 is based on the draft Order Limits presented at the first stage of the statutory consultation. The boundaries of the zone will be updated at the second stage to reflect any changes to the draft Order Limits.

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Figure 1. Consultation zone for information postcard



5. Consultation material and activities

5.1. Consultation material

A suite of consultation material about our proposals for the Project will be available at each stage of the statutory consultation. This material will include:

First stage of consultation

- A consultation brochure providing an overview of our proposals and the benefits they
 will bring. The consultation brochure will also explain how people can submit feedback.
- Preliminary environmental information in the form of an Environmental Update Report.
- A technical report setting out more detailed information on our proposals for each section of the route of the Project and how they have been developed.
- · Maps and plans detailing the Project.
- A feedback form, which will be available in both paper and online versions.

Second stage of consultation

- A consultation brochure outlining the more advanced level of design development.
- A PEIR outlining more detailed information about potential environmental effects including initial proposals for mitigation measures, details of designed mitigation and construction and operational controls and measures, where appropriate.
- A Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR.
- Maps and plans detailing the Project.
- A feedback form, which will be available in both paper and online versions.

For the second stage of statutory consultation, we will consider the need for any further relevant material to present information regarding the proposals.

We will make the consultation material available online to view and download. Hard copies of all consultation material will also be available to view at the consultation events. In addition, copies of the following material will be available at information points:

- Consultation brochure
- Technical report
- Relevant maps and plans
- Environmental Update Report
- Feedback forms and Freepost envelopes

Details of the consultation events and information points for the first stage of statutory consultation are set out in Table 2 and Table 3.



As far as possible, we will seek to use the same venues for the consultation events and information points at the second stage consultation. We will publish details of the second stage consultation events and information points at least one month in advance of the start of the consultation period, in the manner set out in Section 4.

We will also make hard copies and alternate formats of the material available to people upon request. Reasonable copying charges may be applied where hard copies are requested. Details of how to request hard copies or alternative formats will be published on our website and included on the information postcard.

How we will publicise the consultation

5.2. Supporting material

Consultation events will be supported by consultation boards that provide information on specific elements of the Project, including an overview of the proposals, the planning process and construction considerations.

We will also produce a list of frequently asked questions accompanied by our response and factsheets covering a range of topics relating to the Project which will be available at the consultation events and on the East West Rail website (www.eastwestrail.co.uk).

The East West Rail website will provide information relating to each stage of the statutory consultation. It will host a suite of information to cater for different interests and the need for different levels of detail.

The website will be a platform for people to provide their consultation feedback, and to sign up to participate in the online events.

5.3 Consultation events

Online events

We intend to hold two online events over the course of the first stage of statutory consultation. These online events will give communities an opportunity to hear more about the Project and ask questions about the proposals with members of the Project team. It is intended to hold two online events for the second stage of statutory consultation.

In-person consultation events

We intend to hold a series of in-person consultation events during the first stage of the statutory consultation as set out in Table 2. The consultation events will enable everybody to view information about the Project. Members of the Project team will be available to answer any questions. It is intended to hold a similar number of in-person consultation events for the second stage of statutory consultation, as far as practicable.



TIMES AND DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

Table 2. Locations, dates and times of consultation events

Location	Address	Time/date
Bedford Cauldwell	Cauldwell Community Centre, Althorpe, Bedford, MK42 9HF	Saturday 6 July, 14:00 to 19:00
Bedford Heights	Bedford Heights, Brickhill Drive, Bedford, MK41 7PH	Wednesday 3 July, 14:00 to 19:00
Bicester London Road	The John Paul II Centre, The Causeway, Bicester, OX26 6AW	Thursday 27 June, 14:00 to 19:00
Bletchley	South Central Institute of Technology, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 6DR	Saturday 20 July, 14:00 to 19:00
Cambourne	The Cambridge Belfry Hotel & Spa, Cambridge, CB23 6BW	Wednesday 17 July, 14:00 to 19:00
Cambridge	Trumpington Pavilion, Paget Road, Trumpington, Cambridge, CB2 9JT	Monday 15 July, 14:00 to 19:00
Cambridge	Clayton Hotel, 27-29 Station Road, Cambridge, CB1 2FB	TBC
Clapham	Clapham Village Hall, High Street, Clapham, MK41 6BP	Wednesday 24 July, 14:00 to 19:00
Harston	Harston Village Hall, 20 High Street, Harston, CB22 7PX	Monday 8 July, 14:00 to 19:00
Haslingfield	Haslingfield Village Hall, New Road, Haslingfield, Cambridge, CB23 1JP	Tuesday 23 July, 14:00 to 19:00
Highfields Caldecote	Caldecote Village Hall, Furlong Way, Highfields Caldecote, Cambridge, CB23 7ZH	Friday 19 July, 14:00 to 19:00
Lidlington	Lidlington Village Hall, High Street, Lidlington, MK43 0RN	Tuesday 30 July, 14:00 to 19:00
Oxford (alternative venue being considered)	West Oxford Community Centre, Botley Road, Oxford OX2 0BT	Saturday 29 June, 14:00 to 19:00
St Neots (venue tbc)	Loves Farm, 17 Kester Way, St Neots, PE19 6SL Or	Monday 29 July, 14:00 to 19:00
	Little Paxton Hub, 2 Samuel Jones Crescent, Little Paxton, St Neots, PE19 6QY	
Tempsford	Tempsford Stuart Memorial Village Hall, 69 Station Road, Tempsford, Sandy, SG19 2AX	Friday 12 July, 14:00 to 19:00
Ravensden	Ravensden Village Hall, Church Hill, Ravensden, MK44 2RL	Tuesday 25 June, 14:00 to 19:00
Woburn Sands	Summerlin Centre, 138 Station Road, Woburn Sands, MK17 8SG	Friday 25 July, 14:00 to 19:00



6. How to get involved

6.1. Share your feedback

An online feedback form will be available at www.eastwestrail.co.uk for comments and views to be provided on the Project. Alternatively, feedback can be provided by:

- Emailing a copy of the feedback form to consultation@eastwestrail.co.uk
- · Posting a copy of the feedback form in an envelope to Freepost EAST WEST RAIL
- Hand in a copy of the feedback form at a consultation event

The deadline for submitting your response to the first stage of the statutory consultation will be 23:59 on Sunday 18 August 2024. Please ensure that you submit your response before the deadline. Responses posted on the statutory consultation closing date will still be accepted.

The deadline for responding to the second stage of the statutory consultation will be confirmed and published one month in advance of the start of the consultation.

6.2. Information points

Printed copies of our consultation material (listed in section 5.1) will be available throughout the first stage of consultation at the information points listed in Table 3. The opening times of the information points may be subject to change due to circumstances out of our control. If in doubt, please contact the venue before visiting.

THESE VENUES ARE STILL TO BE CONFIRMED.

Table 3. Details of information points for first stage of statutory consultation

Venue and address	Address and opening times
Aspley Guise Village Hall	9 Woburn Lane, Aspley Guise, MK17 8JH 01908 584456
	Village Halls are being contacted to gain a better understanding of opening hours.
	Aylesbury Library, Aylesbury, HP20 1UU 01296 382415
	Monday, 09:30 to 17:00 Tuesday, 09:30 to 19:00
Aylesbury Library	Wednesday, 09:30 to 17:00
	Thursday, 09:30 to 17:00
	Friday, 09:30 to 17:00 Saturday, 09:30 to 16:00
	Sunday, Closed



Bedford Central Library	Harpur Street, Bedford, MK40 1PG 01234 718178 Monday, 09:00 to 18:00 Tuesday, 09:00 to 18:00 Wednesday, 09:00 to 18:00 Thursday, 09:00 to 18:00 Friday, 09:00 to 18:00 Saturday, 09:00 to 18:00 Sunday, 10:00 to 16:00
Bicester Library	Franklins House Wesley Lane, Bicester, OX26 6JU 01869 252181 Monday, 09:30 to 19:00 Tuesday, 09:30 to 17:00 Wednesday, 09:30 to 19:00 Thursday, 09:30 to 19:00 Friday, 09:30 to 17:00 Saturday, 09:00 to 16:30 Sunday, Closed
Bletchley Library	Westfield Road, Milton Keynes, MK2 2RA 01908 372797 Monday to Friday 10:00 to 17:00 Saturday, Closed Sunday, Closed
Cambourne Library	Sackville House Sackville Way, Cambridge, CB23 6HL 03450 455225 Monday, 09:00 to 17:00 Tuesday, 09:00 to 13:00 Wednesday, Closed Thursday, 13:00 to 19:00 Friday, 09:00 to 17:00 Saturday, 09:00 to 13:00 Sunday, Closed
Cambridge Central Library	7 Lion Yard, Cambridge, CB2 3QD 03450 455225 Monday, 09:30 to 18:00 Tuesday, 09:30 to 18:00 Wednesday, 09:30 to 19:00 Thursday, 09:30 to 18:00 Friday, 09:30 to 18:00 Saturday, 10:00 to 18:00 Sunday, 12:00 to 16:00



	10-12 Woollard's Lane, Cambridge, CB22 5LZ
	03450 455225
	Monday, 15:00 to 19:00
Great Shelford Library	Tuesday, 10:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 17:00 Wednesday, 10:00 to 13:00
	Thursday, Closed Friday, 10:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 18:00
	Saturday, 10:00 to 13:00
	Sunday, Closed
	Princes St, Huntingdon PE29 3PA 03450 455225
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Huntingdon Library & Archives	Wednesday, 09:30 to 19:00
	Thursday, 09:30 to 13:30 Friday, 09:30 to 17:00
	Saturday, 09:30 to 16:00 Sunday, Closed
	23 Oxford Road, Kidlington, OX5 2BP 01865 373067
Kidlington Library	Monday to Friday 09:30 to 17:00
	Saturday, Closed Sunday, Closed
	King's House, 245 Ampthill Rd, Bedford MK42 9AZ
	01234 306500
King's House	Monday to Friday, 08:30 to 17:00
	Saturday, Closed Sunday, Closed
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	High St, Lidlington MK43 ORT 01234 742766
Lidlington Village Hall	01234 742700
	Village Halls are being contacted to gain a better understanding of opening hours
weith and weith and the	Sandhill Close, Millbrook MK45 2JD No phone number
Millbrook Village Hall	Village Halls are being contacted to gain a better understanding of opening hours
Milton Keynes Central Library	555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 3HL 01908 254050



	Monday, 09:00 to 18:00 Tuesday, 09:00 to 18:00 Wednesday, 09:00 to 18:00 Thursday, 09:00 to 20:00 Friday, 09:00 to 18:00 Saturday, 09:00 to 17:00 Sunday, Closed
Oxford Westgate Library	2 Westgate, Oxford, OX1 1PE 01865 815509 Monday to Friday 09:30 to 17:30 Saturday, Closed Sunday, Closed
Sandy Library	Market Square, Town Centre, Sandy, SG19 1JA 03003 008065 Monday, 09:30 to 18:00 Tuesday, 09:30 to 18:00 Wednesday, Closed Thursday, 09:30 to 18:00 Friday, 09:30 to 18:00 Saturday, 09:30 to 13:00 Sunday, Closed
Steeple Claydon Library	48 Queen Catherine Road, Buckingham, MK18 2PY 01296 730392 Monday, Closed Tuesday, 14:30 to 17:30 Wednesday, Closed Thursday, 10:00 to 13:00 Friday, 14:30 to 17:30 Saturday, 09:30 to 12:30 Sunday, Closed
St Neots Library	Priory Ln, St Neots, Saint Neots PE19 2BH 03450 455225 Monday, 09:30 to 17:00 Tuesday, 09:30 to 17:00 Wednesday, 13:30 to 19:00 Thursday, 09:30 to 17:00 Friday, 09:30 to 17:00 Saturday, 09:30 to 16:00 Sunday, Closed
Westcroft Library	10 Barnsdale Drive Westcroft District Centre, Woodhill, MK4 4DD 02086 471151



	Monday, Closed Tuesday, 10:00 to 19:00 Wednesday, 10:00 to 17:30 Thursday, 10:00 to 17:30 Friday, 10:00 to 17:30 Saturday, 10:00 to 16:00 Sunday, 11:00 to 14:00
Winslow Community Library	Park Road, Winslow, MK18 3DL 01296 382415 Monday, 09:30 to 17:00 Tuesday, Closed Wednesday, 09:30 to 13:00 Thursday, Closed Friday, 13:00 to 17:00 Saturday, 09:30 to 13:00 Sunday, Closed
Woburn Sands Library	64 High Street, Woburn Sands, MK17 8SD 01908 582033 Monday, 10:00 to 17:00 Tuesday, 10:00 to 17:00 Wednesday, Closed Thursday, 10:00 to 17:00 Friday, 10:00 to 17:00 Saturday, 10:00 to 13:00 Sunday, Closed
Wootton Library	Wootton Library, Lorraine Road, Wootton, MK43 9LH 01234 766061 Monday, 14:00 to 17:00 Tuesday, 10:00 to 12:00 Wednesday, 14:00 to 17:00 Thursday, 10:00 to 12:00 Friday, 14:00 to 17:00 Saturday, 11:00 to 13:00 Sunday, Closed



7. Next steps

7.1. How we will consider feedback

All consultation responses received before the deadlines of each stage of the statutory consultation will be considered as we further develop the proposals for the Project.

We will submit a Consultation Report as part of the DCO application. The Consultation Report will explain what consultation has taken place in relation to the Project, including both the first and second stages of the statutory consultation, and how responses to each stage of the statutory consultation have been considered in developing the proposals in the DCO application.

8. Data privacy

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

As set out in the *Planning Inspectorate Advice Note Fourteen* in relation to compiling the Consultation Report, copies of any or all statutory consultation responses may be requested by the Planning Inspectorate to assist in assessing whether the duty to have regard to consultation responses has been met.

Any person responding should therefore assume that any response to consultation will be shared with the Planning Inspectorate and the Examining Authority and, under redaction of personal details by EWR Co, will be included in an appendix to the Consultation Report which will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website.



Section	Comment	Response
3.1 Who will be consulted?	More information would be helpful on who exactly will be consulted	As per the Planning Act 2008, we have a duty to consult with the following consultees as part of the statutory consultation: * Section 42 (1)(a) – Prescribed Consultees * Section 42 (1)(b) – Local Authorities * Section 42 (1)(d) – Persons with an Interest in Land * Section 47 Community Section 47 consultees includes members of the community as well as community groups for example active travel groups and resident/interest groups.
4.2 Consultation zone for information postcard	a more detailed plan of the consultation zone, an exact map at street level for our local authority area would be helpful	The size of the map has been increased. Parts of the map can be shared individually with the host local authorities.
6.2 Information Points	you make wish to investigate using Kingston Library (54 Winchester Circle, Kingston, Milton Keynes, MK10 0BA), as this is just as close to the railway as Westcroft, and is an accessible location in the Kingston district centre	We are considering appropriate locations to be used as information points. The Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) includes the proposed locations for information points, which have now been updated. Kingston Library has been investigated and is closely located to Woburn Sands which is an information point location.