Proposed Train Maintenance Depot

Bletchley West

Following extensive assessments, we've identifed Bletchley West as the preferred location for an East West Rail Train Maintenance Depot (TMD).

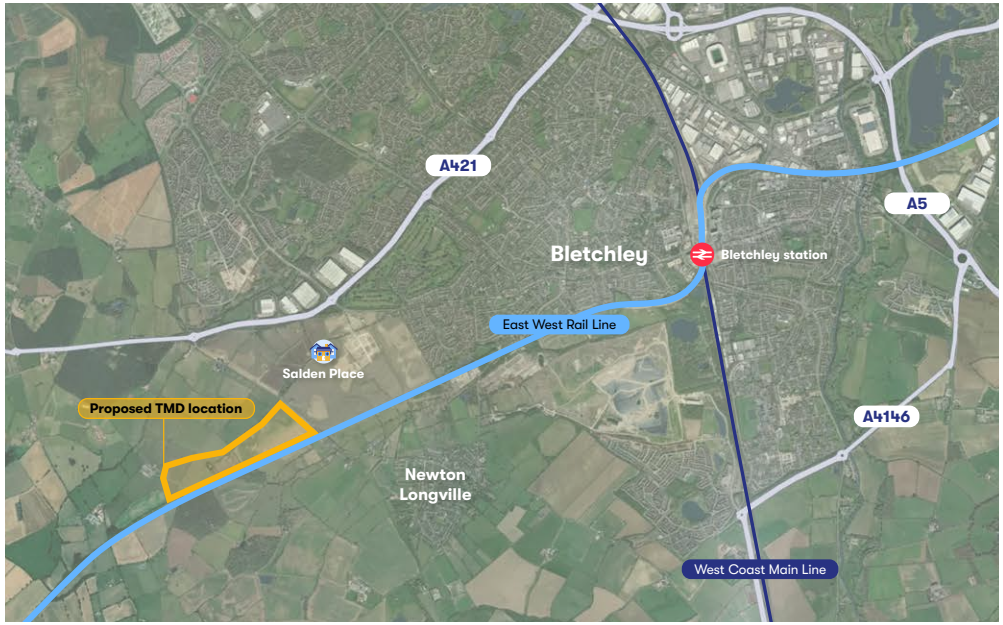
A Train Maintenance Depot (TMD) is a piece of railway infrastructure, essential to the safe and reliable operation of the trains that will operate on EWR. It's where trains are cleaned, maintained and stored. Facilities include sidings, sheds and maintenance buildings.

Where will it be?

The proposed site for Bletchley West TMD is located close to Whaddon Road, west of Bletchley and to the north of the village of Newton Longville.

What will the TMD consist of?

- The TMD consists of sidings, where up to 20 five car trains can be stabled. Each train is approximately 120m in length.
- The depot includes a maintenance workshop where several trains can be serviced simultaneously. There will also be space for heavier maintenance work on the trains.
- Train wash facilities and traction power substation as well as staff accommodation, car parking and a security gatehouse.



Why was this site selected?

Bletchley West provides the best balance between operational efficiency and reduced environmental impact compared to other sites. As we develop our proposals, we're engaging with local communities and stakeholders.

Environmental mitigations

Our designs will include landscaping to mitigate visual impact. We're also committed to achieving 10% Biodiversity Net Gain, which means by the end of construction there'll be 10% more biodiversity than before.

Construction

Construction will only begin if the Secretary of State makes a Development Consent Order (DCO) granting permission and is expected to take up to three years. During this period, some road closures may be required at Bletchley West, with diversionary routes provided where possible. We aim to minimise disruption throughout by implementing a detailed Code of Construction Practice that contractors must follow. This will include measures to control noise, dust, vibration and air quality on site.

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