



NSC Parish Councils Feedback Session- Cambridge Section

Chair

Sarah Jacobs (Senior Engagement
Manager – Local Representatives Groups)

Tuesday 7th January, 6pm-8pm



1. Welcome

Agenda

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- Non-Statutory Consultation Proposals
- Environmental Impacts
- Lands

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Introductions – Meeting the Team

- **Sarah Jacobs** – Senior Engagement Manager
- **Katy Sutton** – DCO Stakeholder Engagement & Consultation Lead
- **Jonathan Cornwell** – Development Programme Manager
- **Katie Dixon** – Cambridge Environment Area Manager
- **Ben Nicholass** – Traffic, Transport Planning and Modelling Senior Manager
- **Adam Kotulecki** – Engineering Manager
- **Jack Garrett** – Cambridge Area Assistant Engineering Manager

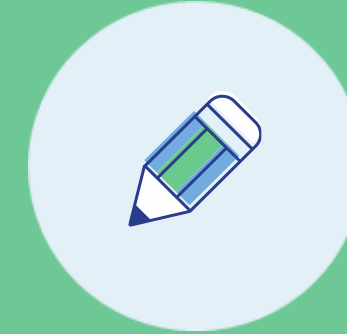


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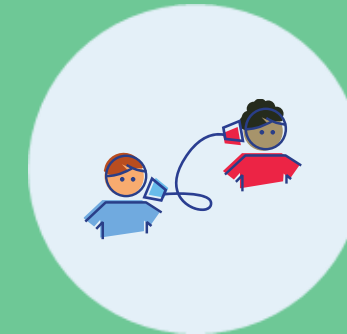
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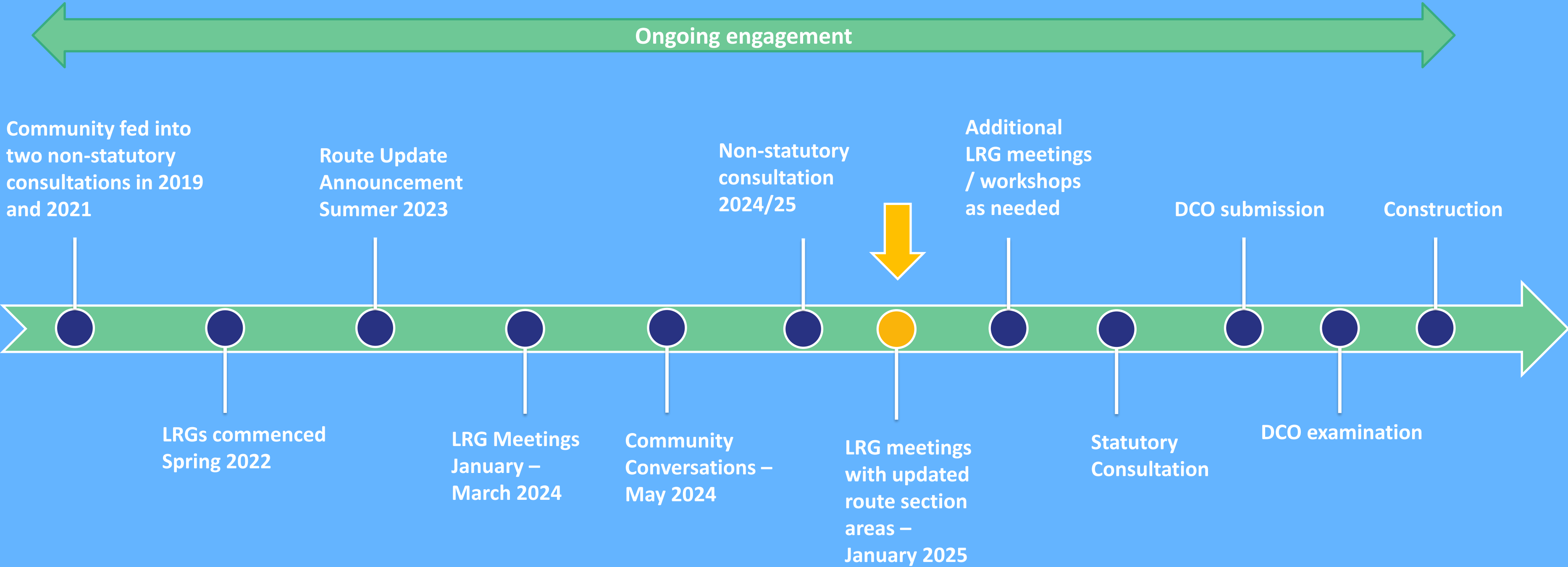


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2. Update on the project

Where we are in the process



Non-statutory consultation so far

- We are now over halfway through our non-statutory consultation
- 10 in-person events held so far with over 3000 attendees
- 2 online events held with almost 100 attendees
- Over 2000 responses received as of 2nd January
- View a large range of materials and information on our website including a Virtual Consultation room



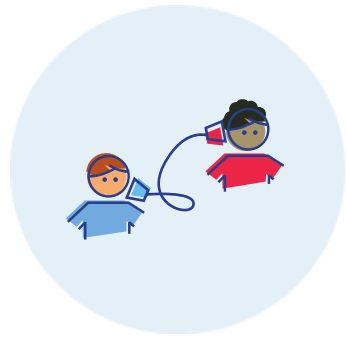
Remaining consultation events:

Venue	Event location	Event date
Comberton Village Hall	Comberton	10-Jan
Bletchley Masonic Centre	Bletchley	15-Jan
Summerlin Centre	Woburn Sands	17-Jan
Clayton Hotel	Cambridge	18-Jan
St Andrews Church	Cherry Hinton	21-Jan

3. Introduction to the workshops

Design workshops

Purpose of this workshop



To discuss detail on the proposals within our non-statutory consultation and provide an opportunity for you to input into the design and feedback process, capturing issues or areas of concern, suggestions and area specific local feedback.



The workshops will be interactive, and we will be asking for feedback on various elements of the proposals throughout the session. Please do give your feedback and ask questions throughout.



The workshops are taking place within the consultation period to give us the opportunity to understand your feedback.

Design workshops

Terms of reference

Scope of discussions

- We are seeking feedback on the design and optionality set out within the non-statutory consultation that is currently live. We welcome your feedback on:
 - Community benefits and impacts.
 - Land and property requirements.
 - Environmental and sustainability.
 - Construction and logistics.
 - Traffic and transport.
 - Door to Door Connectivity and Active Travel.
- Due to time constraints, we will not be discussing other route options shared historically, or any works outside the current scope.

Collecting feedback

- We will be recording your feedback and issues raised and will consider these through our design change process.
- We will be sharing the feedback recorded with all attendees within 5 days of the session.
- The discussions within this workshop are supplementary to the formal feedback mechanism of the non-statutory consultation (via survey or written response).

Consultation with Local Authorities

We have been delivering interactive design workshops in-person with local authorities throughout the non-statutory consultation period.

On 9 December we met with the four Cambridge Local Authorities and Huntingdonshire District Council. Representatives from their Planning, Highways and Active Travel teams were in attendance. Some of the key topics raised included:

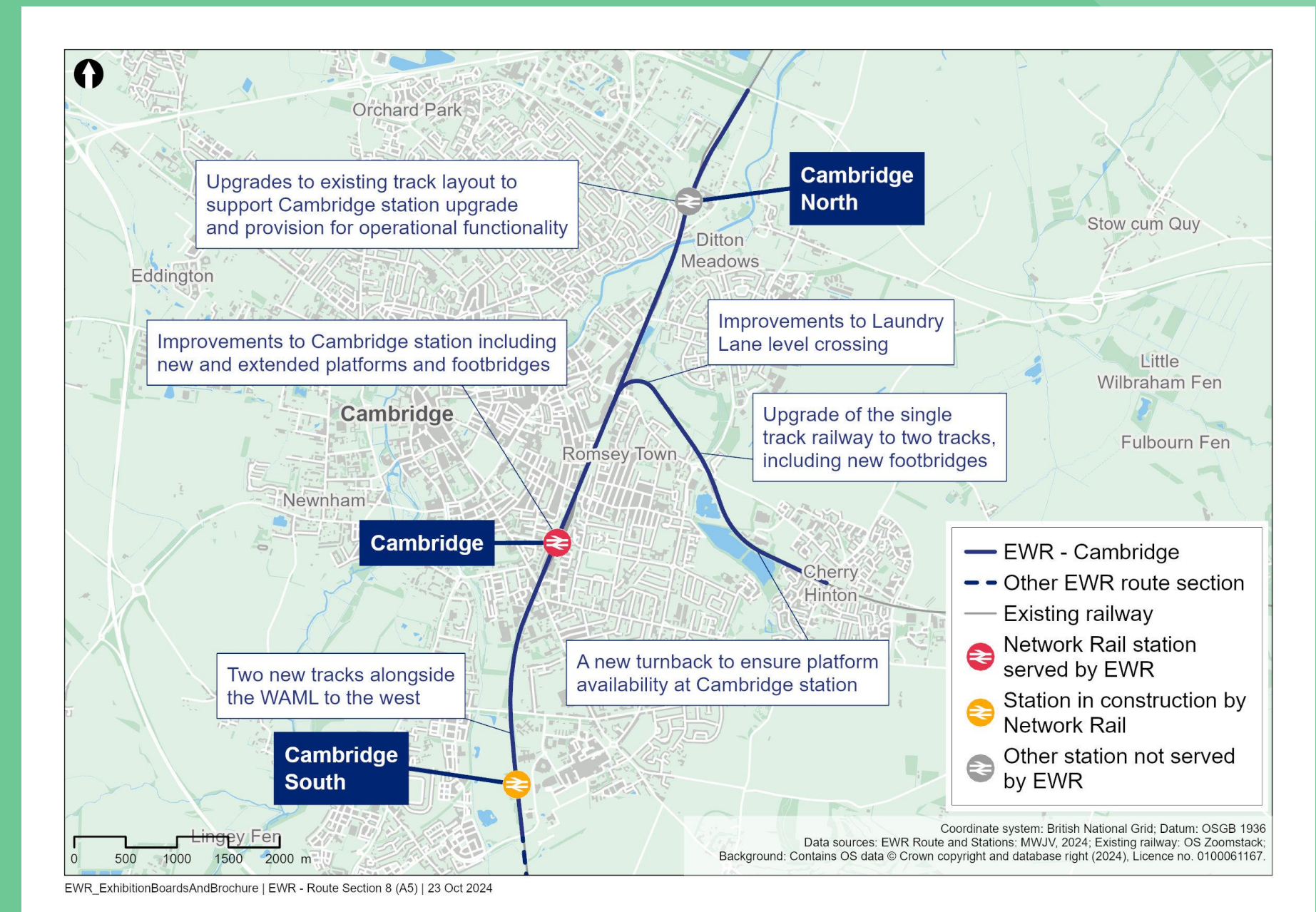
- Active travel- consideration should be made to a route wide active travel route and importance of first mile/ last mile and connectivity between towns around stations. Manage cycling and style growth
- Local authorities keen for EWR to coordinate and integrate any designs around Chisholm trail.
- Legacy- There was discussion around the legacy of the project for communities who had the project run through them but didn't have the benefits.
- Opportunities- Eastern Entrance and a station at Cambridge east. LAs supportive of both projects which are currently outside of the DCO.



4. Update on the Proposals

Route section 8: Cambridge

This section of the route covers approximately 8km (5 miles) from Addenbrooke's Road bridge over the existing West Anglia Main Line (WAML), north of Great Shelford, to the north of Cambridge North Station, and to the West of Cherry Hinton to the East of Cambridge, on the Newmarket line.



Route section 8: Cambridge

Route section 8: Summary of work

A summary of works being undertaken in this route section includes:

- Laying two new railway tracks next to the existing two-track WAML on its western side from Addenbrooke's Road. These would join the existing four tracks at the new Cambridge South station (currently being constructed by Network Rail) and continue into Cambridge station
- The addition of two new tracks on the WAML means that we would have to demolish the overbridge at Long Road and rebuild a new bridge to span the four tracks
- Station upgrades at Cambridge station
- Safety improvements at Laundry Lane level crossing
- A new train turnback facility West of Cherry Hinton
- Reconstructing two new footbridges at Coldham's Common and the Tins Footpath
- Track modifications at Cambridge North Station, including consideration for two railway sidings

Stakeholders have identified a potential new station to the east of Cambridge on the line to Newmarket. Whilst outside of the DCO, and requiring additional funding, we welcome views from respondents on this opportunity.

Approach to the environment

Protecting the environment is a fundamental part of our decision making when developing our proposals, and in doing so we will continue to take a proactive approach to avoid, reduce or compensate for potential negative environmental impacts to deliver a sustainable railway.

We remain committed to the environmental principles outlined as part of the 2021 non-statutory consultation. Since then, we have prepared an Environmental Sustainability Strategy which contains six environmental sustainability pillars. Each pillar has an associated ambition and definition.



Approach to the environment- continued

Consideration of the potential likely environmental impacts of the proposals and mitigations are described in the **Environmental Update Report** (which will be presented as part of this consultation).

For the statutory consultation, a **Preliminary Environmental Information Report** will be shared, and an **Environmental Statement** will then be submitted as part of the Development Consent Order.

Throughout this process, design development and Environmental Impact Assessment will continue, making use of information gathered through surveys.



Homes, land and property

When developing the designs for East West Rail, we've tried to reduce potential impacts on land and property owners where possible. Where we can, we will use existing railway land to build and operate the railway, but we will also need to use other land along the route including homes, businesses and agricultural land.

As we develop our proposals, we are seeking to reduce the impact on land, property owners, sensitive environmental features and historic landscapes.

The proposals we're presenting at this consultation show the extent of land that has been identified at this stage as potentially needed for the railway. The Secretary of State for Transport will safeguard land in this area, triggering statutory blight provisions.

For property owners not eligible to serve a blight notice, they may be able to apply to us to buy their property under the Need to Sell Property Scheme.

Land Interest Questionnaires (LIQs)

What is an LIQ?

An LIQ is essentially a questionnaire to confirm land ownership and ensure that HM Land Registry is correct.

LIQs are an essential part of the planning process for projects like East West Rail. They help identify who owns, occupies and uses land that may be affected by the railway – and it means we can keep people fully informed about our consultations and the planning process. Receiving an LIQ does not devalue a property or affect house sales.

Who has received an LIQ?

We've sent LIQs to people who might hold an interest in land potentially affected by the railway, which are based on recent Land Registry and desktop searches. For example, the Project may affect land in different ways, such as the proximity to the railway corridor or land on the preferred route alignment that may be required for the Project or impacted by the operation of the railway when constructed. **It's important to note that receiving a LIQ does not necessarily indicate we will need to acquire or use somebody's land.**

If you have any questions related to LIQs, you can get in touch with EWR's Land team at: land@eastwestrail.co.uk



5. Design Feedback Session

Design Feedback Session: Design

Cherry Hinton turnback

Cambridge Station

- Impact on Cambridge Station

Future opportunities

- Cambridge station eastern entrance
- Station at Cambridge East

Work at Cambridge North

Works

- New tracks on the WAML

Design Feedback Session: Connectivity

Active travel

- Active travel routes
- Public Rights of Way

Highways

General Q&A / AOB

Thank you

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