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# Bedfordshire Local Representatives Group

## Opening meeting

2 March 2022

# Today's agenda

**01.**

Welcome

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**02.**

Introduction to the Group

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**03.**

Agreeing the Terms of Reference

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**04.**

Break

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**05.**

Project update

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**06.**

Topics for future meetings

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**07.**

Closing remarks

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# Housekeeping

## Thank you for joining

This is a virtual meeting.

Please display your full name as when you registered to attend – this can be done through the ‘Participants’ section.

To help everyone feel part of the discussion, please feel free to turn your camera on during the meeting if you can.

Please use the ‘Raise Hand’ function to raise a question during the meeting, found in the bottom ribbon (under the ‘Reactions’ option).

During the break, please do not leave the Zoom meeting as you may not be able to re-join – please turn your camera off instead.



**Display your full name in username**



**Please use the mute function**



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**Please do put your camera on if possible**

# 02.

## Introduction to the Group

# What are the Local Representatives Groups?

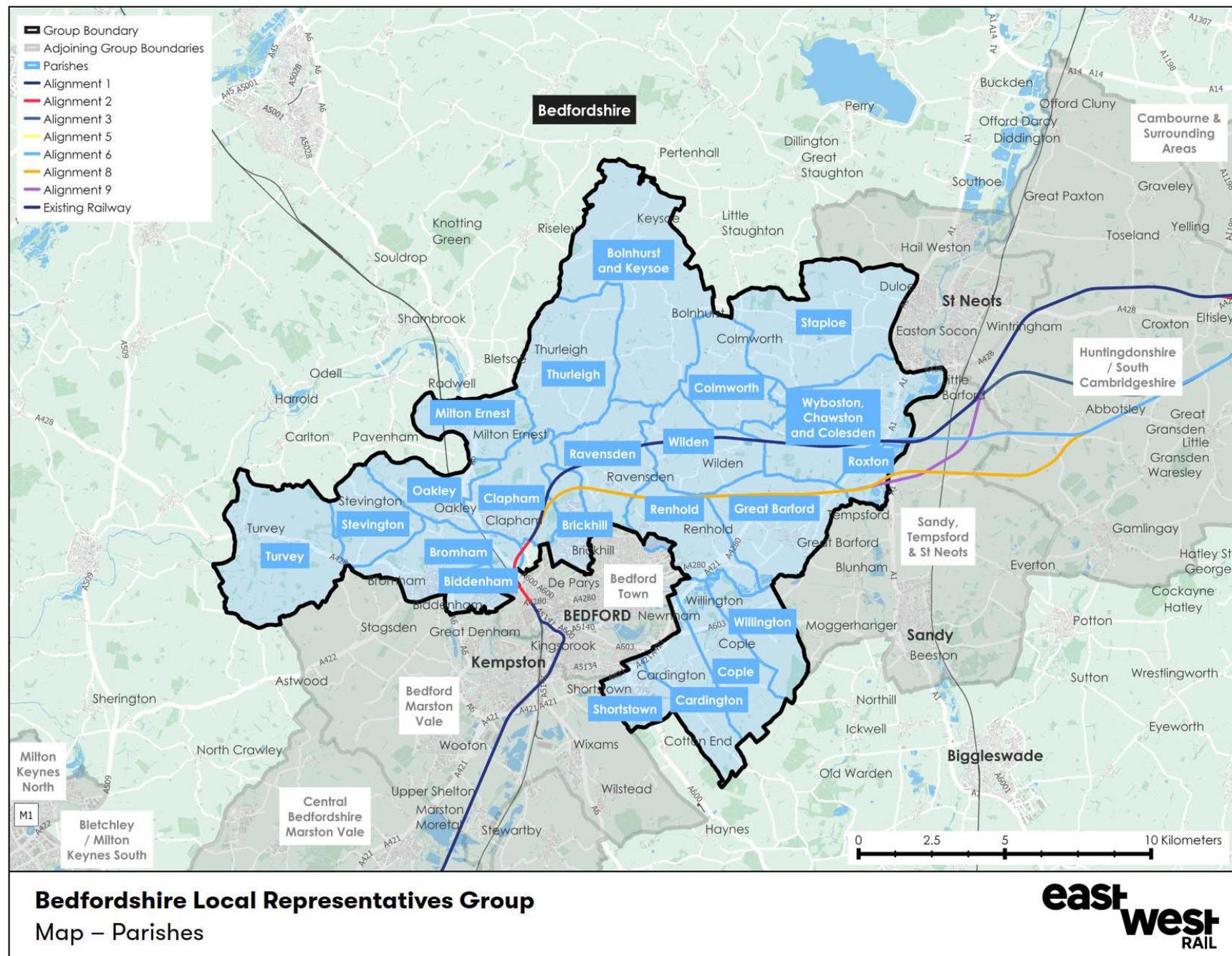
- Groups along the EWR route between Oxford and Cambridge, via Bedford.
- Opportunity for Parishes and Councillors and EWR Co to have:
  - Frank, open discussions with each other
  - About issues of interest to your local community
  - At regular intervals outside of formal consultation periods
- The Groups would be in place throughout the planning, building and running of EWR.



# Bedfordshire Group

## Parishes (continued)

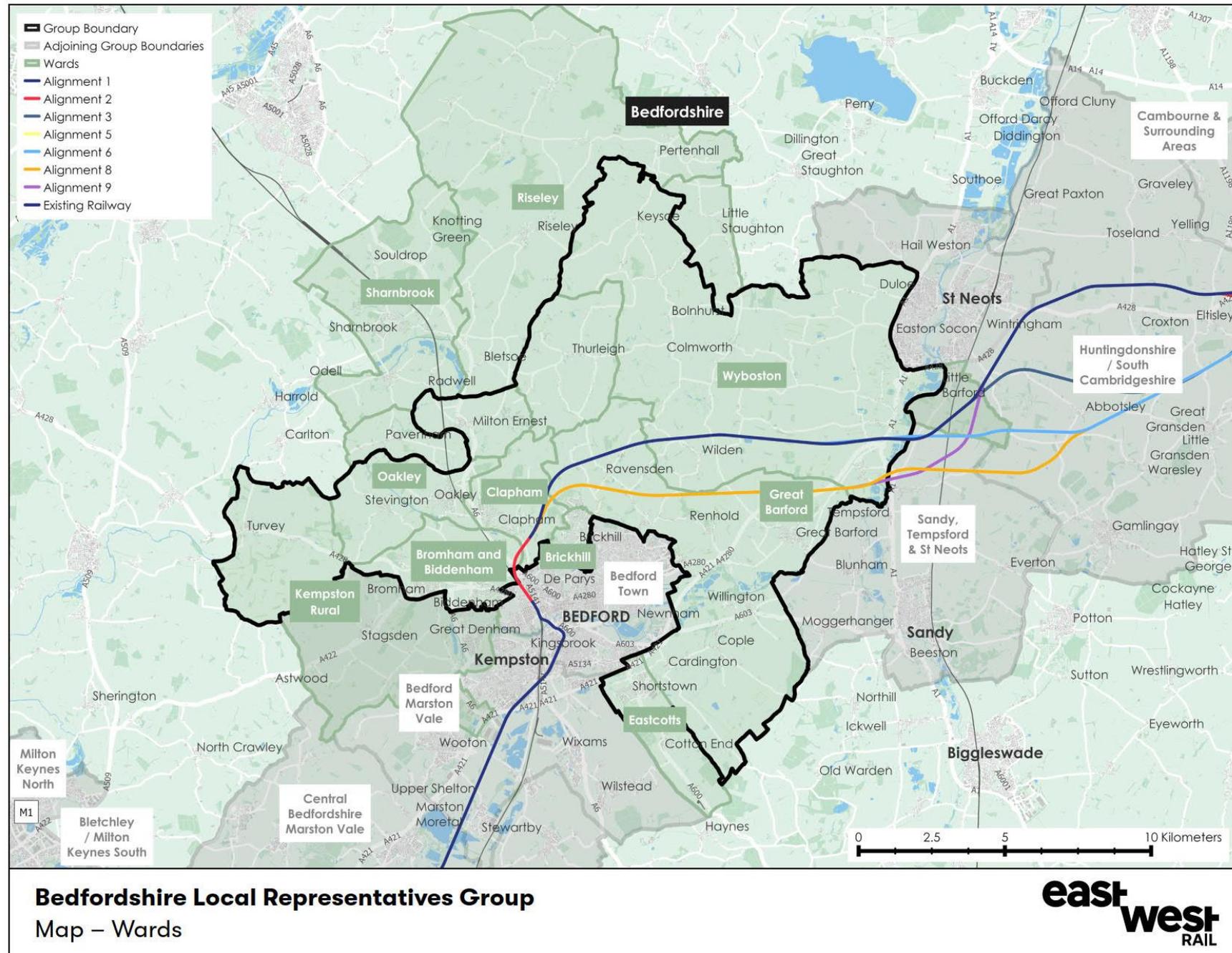
- Roxton
- Shortstown
- Staploe
- Stevington
- Thurleigh
- Turvey
- Wilden
- Willington
- Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden



# Bedfordshire Group

## Wards

- Brickhill
- Bromham and Biddenham
- Clapham
- Eastcotts
- Great Barford
- Kempston Rural
- Oakley
- Riseley
- Sharnbrook
- Wyboston



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Map – Wards

# 03.

# Terms of Reference

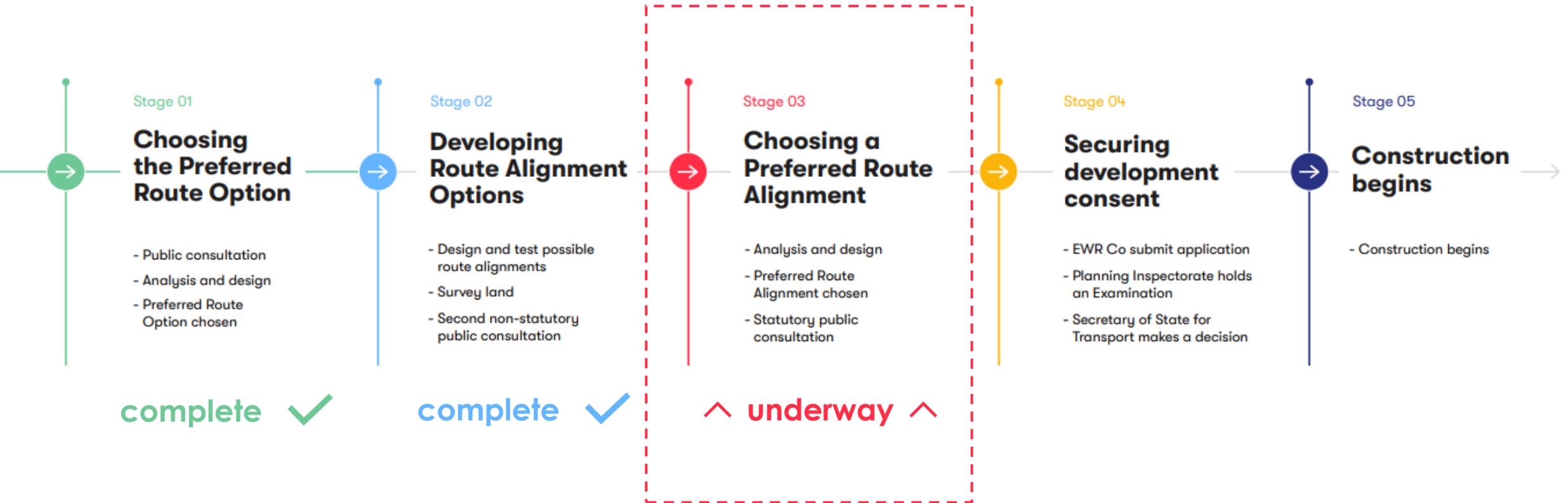
# What we need to discuss?

1. Type of meetings
2. Format of the meetings
3. Frequency of meetings
4. Schedule future meetings
5. Independent facilitator

# 04. Break

# 05. Project update

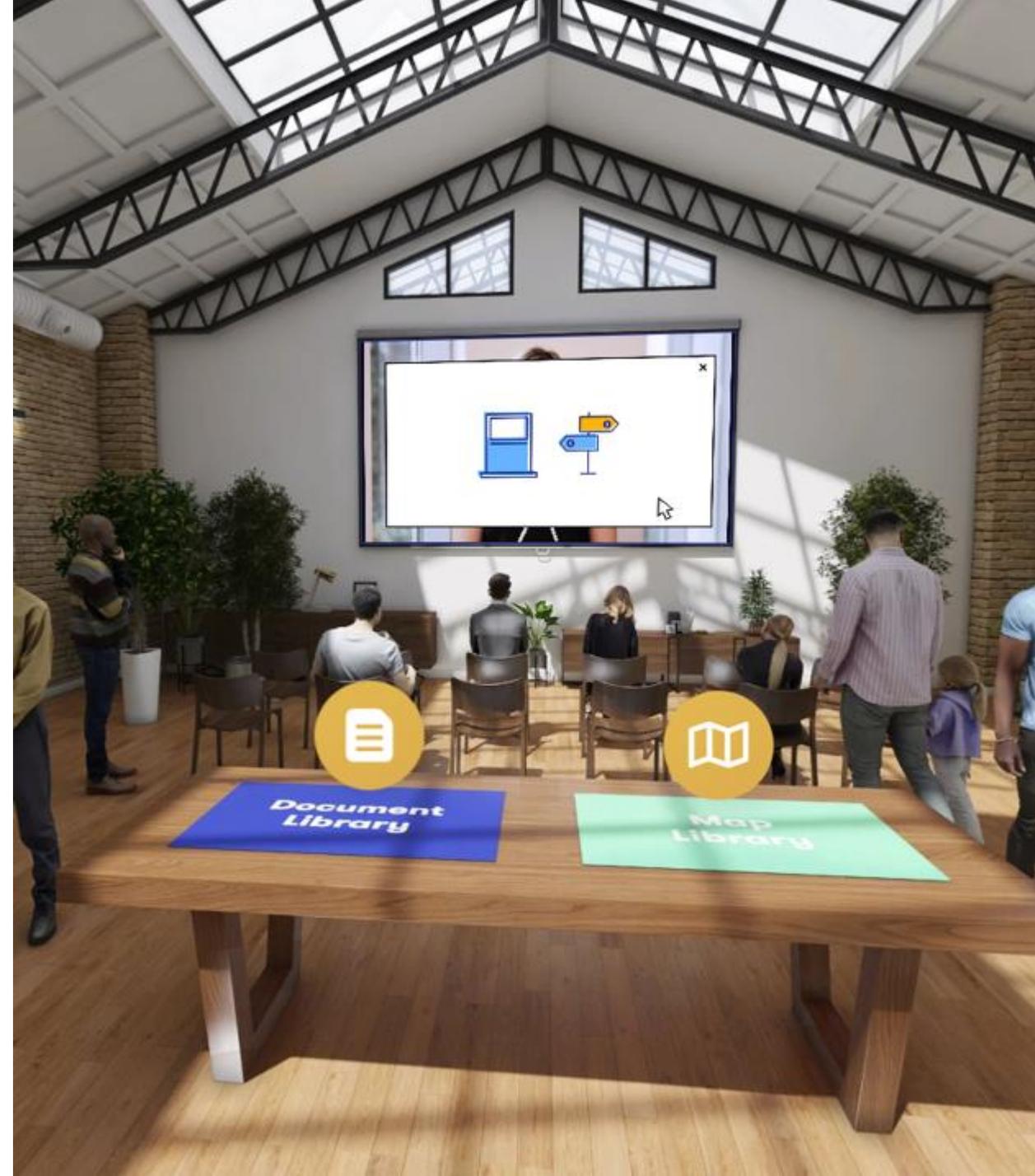
# What's happening now?



# 2021 Consultation

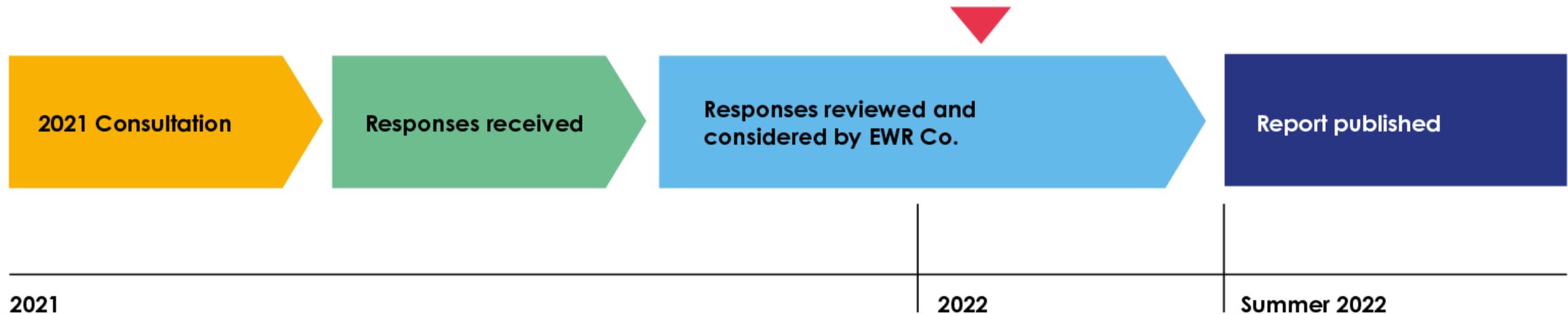
We want to thank everyone who gave their time and expertise in this once-in-a-generation opportunity to help shape the future of this new railway.

- Over 9,800 responses received
- Over 160,000 individual matters raised
- Responses being reviewed and considered by our expert team
- Giving real consideration to all feedback takes time
- We want to develop the best possible options based on this feedback



# 2021 Consultation – Where are we?

Timeline of the review process





# Road connectivity

- Protecting connectivity is vital - we will consider each intersection between road and route individually.
- We will also review diversions of footpaths and public rights of way to ensure connectivity is maintained.



## Engineering solutions

- We are continuing to develop the design, responding to the feedback that we have received and the information we gain from the surveys we are carrying out
- We are considering opportunities to improve the alignment where we can and so reduce its impact on the surrounding environment and on nearby communities

# What else is on your mind?

06.

# Topics for future meetings - discussion

# Discussion



# 07. Closing remarks

# We're always here

All the Group's relevant documents will be available on its **Community Hub** site.

We will notify you when available.



# Got a question?

If you have any questions about the Group, please email:

[localrepresentativesgroups@eastwestrail.co.uk](mailto:localrepresentativesgroups@eastwestrail.co.uk)

If you have any questions about the project, please email:

[contact@eastwestrail.co.uk](mailto:contact@eastwestrail.co.uk)

Or you can also call us on **0330 134 0067**

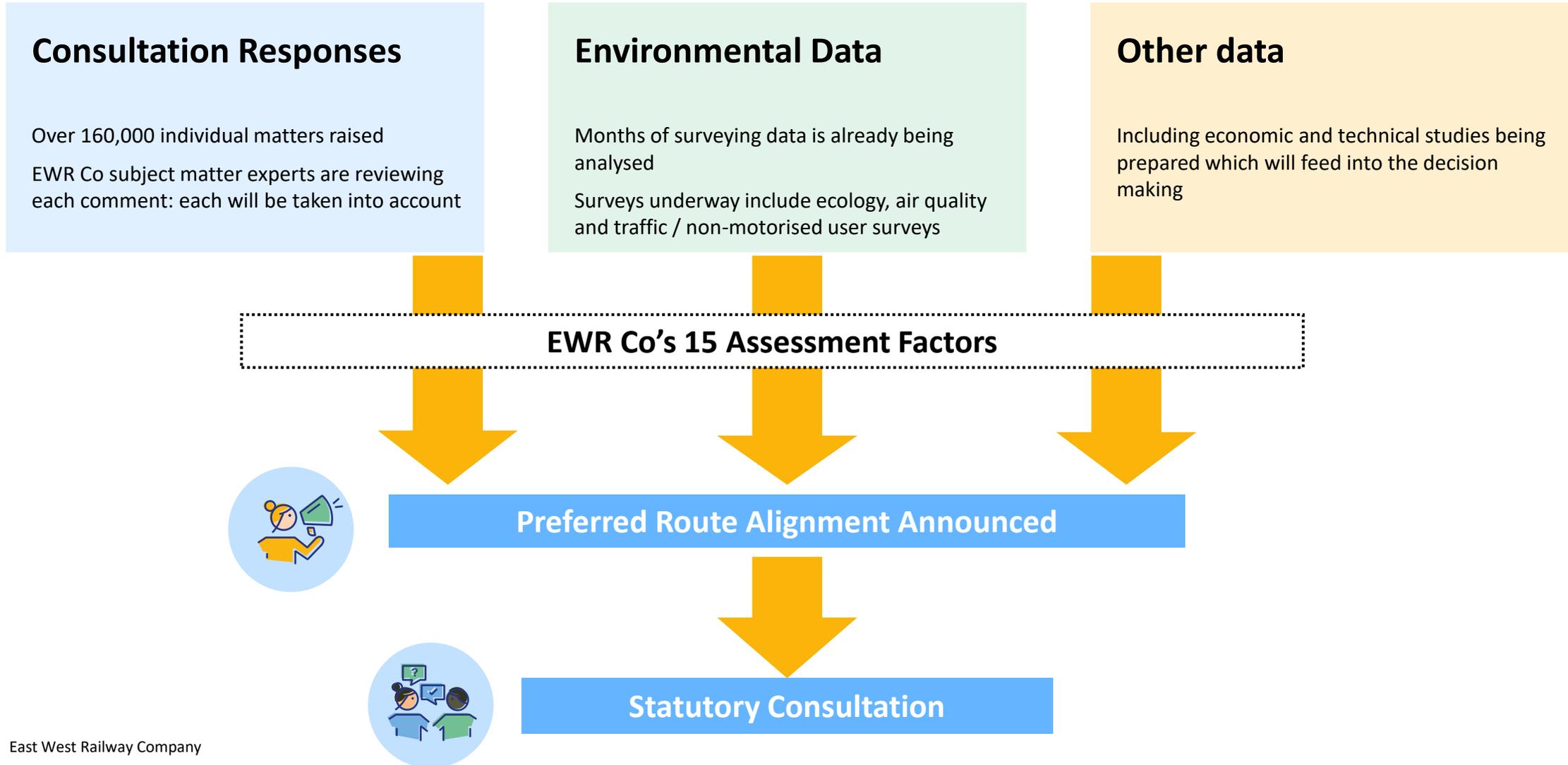
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# Appendices

For reference - use only if needed

# Choosing a Preferred Route Alignment



# Our assessment factors

1. Transport user benefits
2. Enabling housing and economic growth
3. Capital costs
4. Operating costs
5. Overall affordability
6. Short distance connectivity
7. Short distance passenger services
8. Rail passenger connectivity to existing mainlines
9. Long distance passenger services
10. Satisfying existing and future freight demand
11. Railway performance
12. Alignment with wider railway strategy / infrastructure
13. Safety risk (construction and operation)
14. Environmental impacts and opportunities
15. Consistency with Local Plans

