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Bedfordshire Local Representatives Group

Meeting #15

11th April 2024

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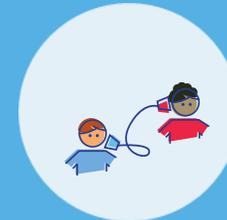
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03. General updates

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Beth West-Announcement

With the company now on a firm footing and about to embark into its next phase at the launch of statutory consultation, Beth has – after much reflection – decided the time is right to move on at the end of her contract to pursue new opportunities.

Beth will remain as interim CEO of EWR Co until the end of May and will continue to be available to support the transition to a new permanent CEO until the end of July.

The permanent chief executive will be announced in due course.

General updates

Community Conversations

- **Tuesday 7th May - Bedford, Venue TBC from 2pm-7pm**
- Wednesday 8th May - Cutteslowe Pavilion Hall, Cutteslowe Park, Oxford, OX2 8ES, from 2pm-7pm
- Thursday 9th May - Weyland Hall, 8-10 North Street, Bicester, OX26 6ND, from 2pm-7pm
- Friday 10th May - South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, CB23 6EA, from 2pm-7pm
- **Monday 20th May - Roxton Village Hall, High Street, Roxton, MK44 3EB, from 2pm-7pm**
- Tuesday 21st May - St Philip's Church Centre, 185 Mill Road, Cambridge, CB1 3AN, from 2pm-7pm
- Wednesday 22nd May - Comberton Village Hall, Green End, Comberton, CB23 7DY, from 2pm-7pm
- Thursday 23rd May - Bletchley Masonic Centre, 263 Queensway, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 2BZ, from 2pm-7pm
- **Friday 24th May - Marston Moreteyne Community Centre, Great Linns, Marston Moreteyne, MK4 0DD, from 2pm-7pm**

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General updates

Universal Studios

- Universal Studio's interest in Bedford, while in its early stages, is a potentially wonderful opportunity for the town and we are keenly following progress.
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- Staff, visitors and people living near the proposed theme park near Stewartby would greatly benefit if it could be reached by a reliable, accessible and sustainable public transport system which EWR would provide, delivering connections to Oxford, Milton Keynes and Cambridge, as well as across the UK through interchanges with five major rail routes.
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- EWR co are committed to maintaining close contact with all involved parties including Universal, to ensure accessibility and connectivity is a core element of the planning process. Universal's choice of Bedford highlights the town's vibrancy and potential for growth, underscoring EWR's belief in the town's bright future and its potential to continue to grow as a leading destination for business and leisure.

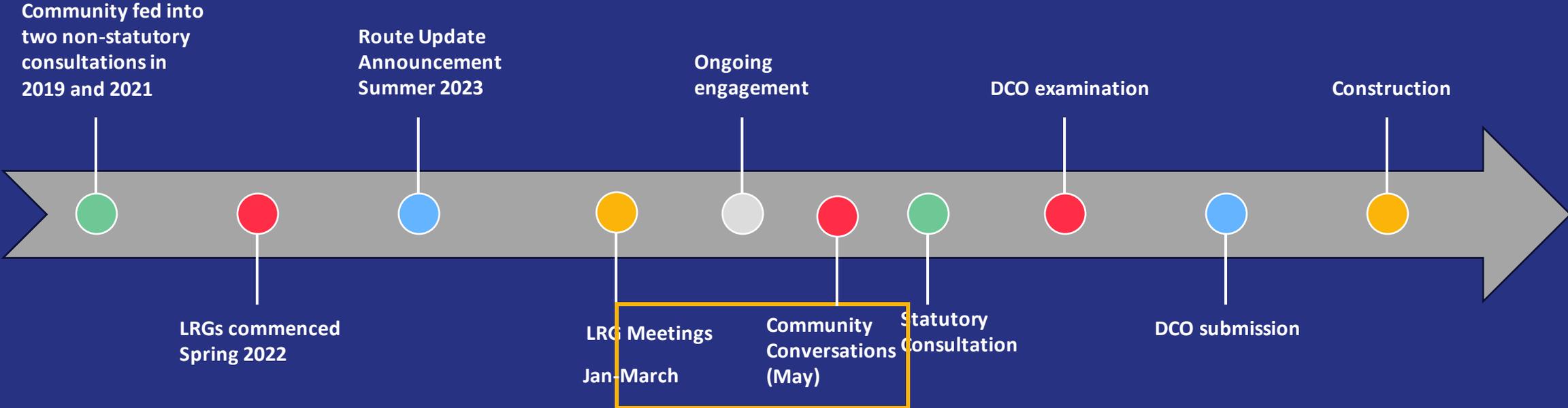
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Land Interest Questionnaires

Follow up land interest questionnaire & second batch of land interest questionnaires

- On 12th March we began issuing Land Interest Questionnaires (LIQ) that are undertaking land referencing to identify landowners with an interest and/or rights over land and property that may potentially be affected by the Project.
- To date, we have received a strong 20% return rate on the LIQs. To further encourage participation, we will send a reminder letter this week to those that have not yet returned their completed LIQ.
- Next week we will distribute additional LIQs including to unregistered properties, expanding our reach beyond our initial focus on HMLR-registered interests. Also attached to this email is a copy of the letter and the LIQ they will be receiving. We are kindly requesting landowners to complete and return the LIQ within 14 days.
- The LIQ will gather up-to-date ownership information for land that may be required for the Project, such as for construction, as well as land that may be impacted by the operation of the railway, such as noise. It is important to note that landowners receiving this letter does not necessarily indicate we will need to acquire or use their land.

Where we are in the process



04. Review of actions from previous meetings

Completed actions

Meeting	No.	Action	Owner	Status
14	1	EWR Co to issue a poll to the group post meeting to confirm next 3 meeting dates.	EWR Co	Completed
14	2	EWR Co to produce some area specific D2DC maps for future meeting on D2DC	EWR Co	Completed
14	3	EWR Co to provide a diagram of the Tempsford Variant with National Highways A428 scheme overlaid.	EWR Co	Completed

Outstanding actions

Meeting	No.	Action	Owner	Status
13	2	EWR Co to share the estimated cost difference between full track and targeted renewals on the Marston Vale Line (MVL).	EWR Co	

0.5 Meeting Processes

Attendees

Membership of the Group will consist of:

- **Parish Councils** – Up to three representatives from each Parish Council.

These could be three parish councillors, or two parish councillors supported by one technical expert. Technical experts will need to indicate their areas of expertise prior to joining meetings.

- **Local Authority Councillors** – Representatives of the Wards and Electoral Divisions
- **EWR Co** – We will provide relevant specialists and representatives to attend meetings.

Local Representatives Groups- Parish Council Members

Biddenham Clerk	Biddenham
	Biddenham
Bolnhurst and Keysoe Clerk	Bolnhurst and Keysoe
Martin Gossage	Bolnhurst and Keysoe
Brickhill Clerk	Brickhill
	Brickhill
Bromham Clerk	Bromham
Julie Bets	Bromham
Cardington Clerk	Cardington
	Cardington
Clapham Clerk (Eric Cooper)	Clapham
Sarah Walker	Clapham
Colmworth Clerk	Colmworth
Graham Palmer	Colmworth
Cople Clerk	Cople
	Cople
Great Barford Clerk	Great Barford
Tim Wood	Great Barford
Milton Ernest Clerk	Milton Ernest
David Newman	Milton Ernest
Oakley Clerk	Oakley
Pat Olney	Oakley
Ravensden Clerk	Ravensden
Bernadette Russell	Ravensden
Renhold Clerk	Renhold
Nicola Gribble	Renhold

Roxton Clerk	Roxton
Justin Griffiths	Roxton
Shortstown Clerk	Shortstown
Staploe Clerk	Staploe
	Staploe
Stevington Clerk	Stevington
	Stevington
John Strutt	Environment parish councillor for Stevington
Thurleigh Clerk	Thurleigh
Michael Thompson	Thurleigh
Turvey Clerk	Turvey
	Turvey
Wilden Clerk	Wilden
Brent Feilder	Wilden
Willington Clerk	Willington
Jan Lewandowski	Willington
Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden Clerk	Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden
Gordon Johnston	Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden
Vice Chair	Shortstown
Jonathan Pelham	Shortstown
Steve Arnold	Technical expert for Ravensden PC
Peter Norris	Technical expert for Renhold PC

Clerk/Chair
LRG Representative
Technical Expert
No representation

Local Representatives Groups- Councillors

Jonathan Gambold	Biddenham in Bedford Borough
Wendy Rider	Brickhill in Bedford Borough
Charles Royden	Brickhill in Bedford Borough
Dylan Mark Simmons	Bromham in Bedford Borough
Roger Rigby	Bromham in Bedford Borough
Jane Walker	Clapham & Oakley in Bedford Borough
Jonathan Abbott	Clapham & Oakley in Bedford Borough
Phillippa Martin-Moran-Bryant	Great Barford in Bedford Borough
Nicola Gribble	Renhold and Ravensden in Bedford Borough
Martin Towler	Riseley in Bedford Borough
Doug McMurdo	Sharnbrook in Bedford Borough
Leigh Coombs	Shortstown in Bedford Borough
Sarah Gallagher	Shortstown in Bedford Borough
Julie Cox	Wyboston in Bedford Borough

Meeting Planning & Production

Meeting Planning

- A poll will be issued with up to 3 dates to select
- Once this poll closes, invitations will be issued to all members included on the LRG members list.
- Up to 2 weeks before the meeting the agenda is issued to those who have accepted the meeting invitation

Post meeting production

- The meeting slides, transcript and agenda will be posted onto the LRG community hub page
- EWR have 10 days to produce the draft summary note for attendees
- Draft note shared with attendees only with 5 days for comments to be returned
- EWR have a further 5 days to make final changes.
- Final summary note is added to the community hub and an email sent to all members on the list with a link to the documents.

Creating meeting notes



Local Representatives Groups- Correspondence

- We try to deal with enquiries within ten working days though it may take longer if we need to ask several colleagues for information.
- We'll keep you up-to-date if that's the case.

07.

**Closing remarks, future
meetings and topics**

Topics for future discussion

Meeting #16 onwards:

Discussion: Other topics for future meetings

Agreed frequency:

Outcomes:

Actions:

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

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

contact@eastwestrail.co.uk

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