

Q&A with programme manager

1 November 2023

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Thank you for attending

This is a virtual meeting.

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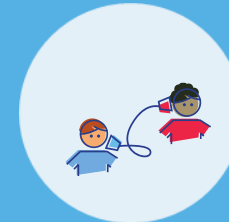
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03. Q&A

Question from Nick Burton, Husborne Crawley Parish Council

Your CEO has stated that no alternative routes are now being considered. Therefore, why are you not going to include an option to reject EWR as currently proposed in the statutory consultation?

Question from Nick Burton, Husborne Crawley Parish Council

With reference to the Savanta study, could EWR Co confirm whether they intend to undertake a further survey in full adherence to the Gunning Principles and when they intend to conduct it?

Question from Nick Burton, Husborne Crawley Parish Council

It is estimated that the cost per mile of EWR is around 75-80% of that of HS2. The railway will not be electrified, travel at one third of the speed, and be at capacity on day one. Given that the geography is not dissimilar to HS2, why is EWR so expensive for such an unambitious outcome?

Questions from Nick Burton, Husborne Crawley Parish Council

When will the announcement on propulsion options be made?

With regards to proposals to retain existing level crossings, please could you explain when traffic surveys and/or modelling will be undertaken and when they will be released to the public?

The Office of Rail Regulation safety guidance states that footbridges should be provided for platform access when a refurbishment is undertaken. Can you explain why you are proposing not to build additional footbridges at any of the existing or new stations?

**Questions from Sue Clark, Cranfield and Marston Moretaine,
Representatives from Lidlinton Parish Council, and Marston
Moreteyne Parish Council, and
Alex Poppleton, Woburn Sands Town Council**

Reduced train speeds are welcome, but can EWR Co confirm how much by?

How many freight trains are there likely to be each day?

Can EWR Co provide a station pattern?

Can you confirm your plans for Woburn Sands station?

Questions from Sue Clark, Cranfield and Marston Moretaine and Saverio Bongo, Cranfield and Marston Moretaine, Lidlington, Brogborough

Lidlington Station Road Crossing

What does 'potentially' mean, and if it is concluded by EWR that the crossing still needs to close does that mean EWR will revert to the 2021 proposals?

Will an additional crossing over the railway line for car users, pedestrian and wheelchair users be provided?

What is the barrier downtime going to be, and is this going to result in community severance by default?

Will there be an increase in passenger trains over time extending the downtime?

Question from Christopher Martin, Marston Moreteyne Parish Council

What is the status of First mile / Last Mile Study?

Question from Nick Burton, Husborne Crawley Parish Council

Please explain why your latest "Connections" map shows all MVL stations as closed?

Areas of feedback following the Route Update Announcement from Sue Clark, Cranfield and Marston Moretaine

- *Forty Steps and Playing Field*
 - *Lidington Station Road Crossing*
 - *Marston Road Crossing*
 - *Millbrook Crossing*
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- *Thank you for your feedback, we have shared this with the team*

04. AOB and Closing Remarks

AOB

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:

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