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Welcome and today's
agenda



Bedfordshire Local Representatives Group

Meeting #12

28 September 2023

Today's agenda

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02. Housekeeping

Housekeeping

Thank you for attending

This is a hybrid meeting.

We will provide opportunities for questions at the end of each slide/section as appropriate.

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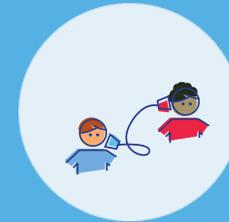
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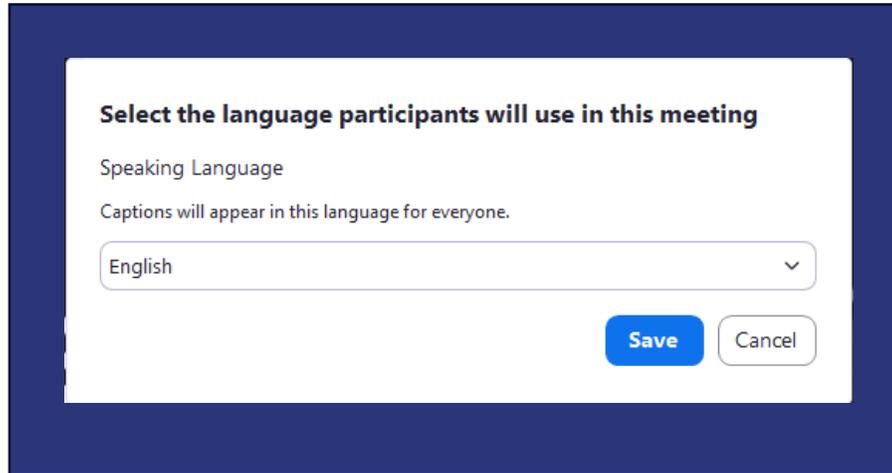
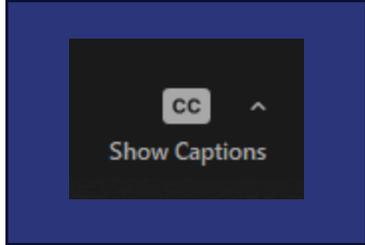
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03. General updates

General updates

Community drop-in events

- 12 community events held across June and July
- Two of these events added following feedback (Cambridge and Bletchley)
- Over 2300 attendees, including over 440 at the Bedford event
- Your questions answered [videos](#)

Accessibility Advisory Panel

- We have recently held our third [AAP](#) meeting where the panel met key stakeholders from EWR Co and were able to give feedback to support the design and development requirements
- The AAP will continue to be involved in activities as we progress towards DCO including journey shadowing across the programme

Videos

 <p>Your questions answered #14 Hannah Staunton Head of Communications east west RAIL</p>	 <p>Your questions answered #13 Beth West Chief Executive east west RAIL</p>
<p>Your Questions Answered 14</p> <p>As part of our community drop-in events, we visited Bletchley. In this video, our Head of External Affairs answers your questions on the plans for the Bletchley station, an eastern entrance into Bletchley station and much more. 🔗</p>	<p>Your Questions Answered 13</p> <p>Our CEO, Beth West was at the St Neots community drop-in event to answer questions on why St Neots wasn't included in our plans, accessing the new station at Tempsford and whether trains from other lines will access the EWR network. 🔗</p>

04. Review of actions from previous meetings

Completed actions

Meeting	No.	Action	Owner	Status
11	2	EWR Co to review information provided by attendee and provide an overview of how EWR Co has considered the costs of Route E and other options to inform decision making to date.	EWR Co	Complete
11	4	EWR Co to provide a google satellite map of how EWR and Black Cat interact.	EWR Co	Complete
11	5	EWR Co to share the explanation on shifting the route north of Wilden.	EWR Co	Complete
11	6	EWR Co to provide information on how the red line boundary and consultation area will be defined.	EWR Co	Complete
11	7	EWR Co to confirm if a square kilometre can be added to the online maps.	EWR Co	Complete

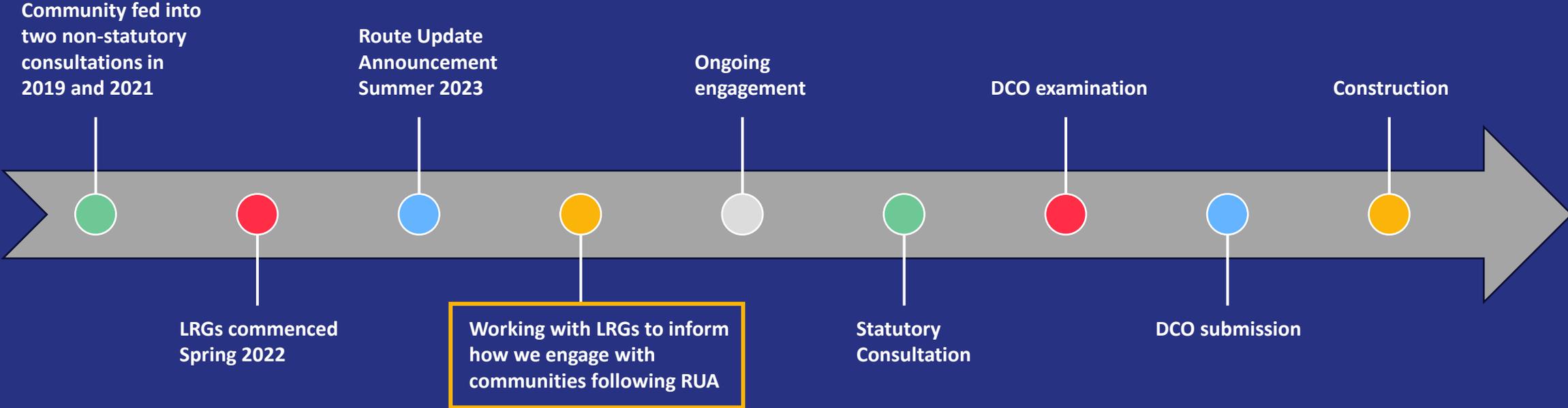
Outstanding actions

Meeting	No.	Action	Owner	Status
11	1	EWR Co to arrange a conversation between EWR Co's and BFARe's geotechnical experts to cover their findings on ground conditions north and south of Bedford.	EWR Co	Ongoing
11	3	EWR Co to look to provide a list of proposal items the team are working on and will expect to share at the statutory consultation.	EWR Co	Ongoing

05.

**Topic- Approach to how we engage with
you and your communities**

Where we are in the process



Approach to how we engage with you and your communities

Interactive session



We want you to help us understand how we can design more informative and productive engagement with you.



At the end of the session, we can look through your suggestions and find common themes.



Please raise your hand and say your suggestions or write your thoughts into the chat box and your input will be noted by the team on the screen.

1- Learning about your communities

Who should we be engaging with in your communities?

Environment groups

Community groups

Anyone else in the local community we may not be aware of?

For example, shift workers at local organisations who may not be able to attend our event slots

Specific demographics within the local community

Accessibility groups

Local charities



1- Learning about your communities

*Bedford Citizens
Housing
Association*

*Iceni Group Riding for
the Disabled*

*Thriplow
Farms Ltd*

Haward Stores

Community groups

Accessibility

Environment

Local charities

Other

2.a- Communicating and engaging with you and **east west** your communities RAIL

Did you attend the community drop-in events held across summer? What worked well? What could we do better?

Venues

**Use and
layout of
space**

**Timings and
number of
events**

Materials

**Publicity of
events**

440 people
attended in
Bedford

2a- Communicating and engaging with you and your communities

Venues

Use/layout
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2.b- Communicating and engaging with you and **east west** your communities RAIL

How can we work more closely with you as LRG members to help disseminate information across your communities?

How would you like information to be shared?

Do you receive the community newsletters?

Are there any local poster locations we should explore?

Are there any other communications channels or local circulations we should be aware of and utilise?

Are there any other ideas you have as an LRG member for how we could engage better with local communities?

How do you find the communications with you as LRG members?

Are there any other types of updates you would like to receive?

2.b- Communicating and engaging with you and your communities

Community newsletters

Poster locations

Local comms channels

LRG comms

LRG updates

06.

Q&A with programme manager

Submitted Question:

Are the Sponsor's Requirements and Programme Wide Output Specifications listed at Appendices A and B to the 2021 Alignment Consultation Technical Report still extant? Great play was made of them being swept aside as part of the Affordable Connections Project (ACP) to allow clear thinking of where economies could be made.

In the 2021 non-statutory consultation, our proposals were based on parameters set out in the DfT Sponsor's Requirements and EWR Co's response to them, known as the Project Wide Output Specification. Together, these formed the Project Objectives. As part of the ACP, these requirements were relaxed to ensure we considered a wide range of alternatives. Our Project Objectives have not changed. We are currently reviewing and updating our requirements in line with our latest proposals and the outcomes required for the scheme, which will result in an updated Programme Wide Output Specifications (PWOS).

Submitted Question:

Specifically: Will the CS3 stages, both refurbished and newly built be compliant with freight loading gauge W12?

Our proposals are currently being designed to W12 gauging.

Submitted Question:

Will all rail under-bridges be built or modified to provide standard overhead clearance for OLE?

A decision has not yet been made on the traction power solution and so therefore, our current design proposals make provision for all viable options. However, this will be refined as we go through the design development process.

Submitted Question:

Will positive passive provision for future electrification be incorporated throughout the CS3 stages?

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Topics for future discussion

Meeting #13 onwards:

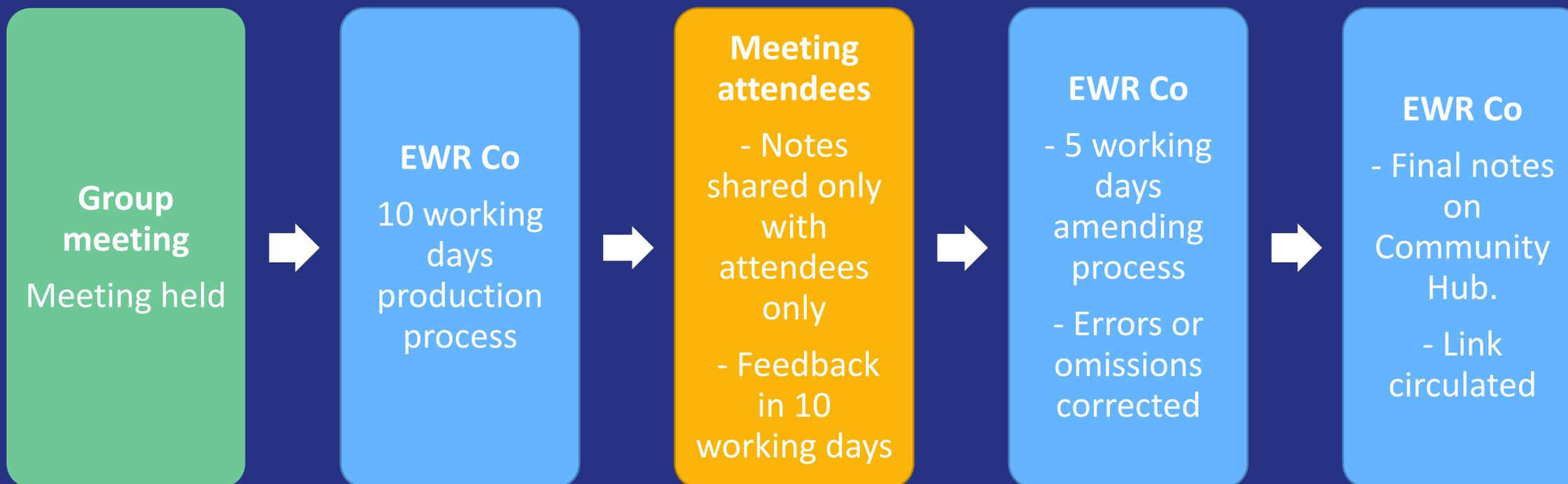
Discussion: Other topics for future meetings - Compensation for impacted communities, Active travel examples from CS1

Agreed frequency: Every 6 weeks

Outcomes:

Actions:

Creating meeting notes



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

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