

Direction varying the Safeguarding Directions for the East West Railway Project dated 19 November 2025

The Secretary of State for Transport gives the following Direction (“Direction”) to Bedford Borough Council in exercise of the powers conferred by articles 18(4), 31(1) and 34(8) and 45 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015¹.

Commencement

1. This Direction comes into force on 2nd February 2026.

Variation

2. This Direction varies the plans annexed to the Safeguarding Directions for development affecting the route and associated works for the East West Railway Project given to local planning authorities on 19 November 2025 (“the November 2025 Directions”) as specified in paragraph 3.
3. The plans annexed to the November 2025 Directions specified in column 1 of the table below (“Original Plans”) are revoked and replaced by the plans annexed to this Direction and specified in column 2 of the table below (“Replacement Plans”).

Original plan	Replacement plan
Sheet 1 of 1 of The Key Plan Bedford for EWR Safeguarding Maps SG54-SG60 Reference: 133735-EWR-Z0-XXX-PLN-LEP-00109.V2 (18 November 2025)	Sheet 1 of 1 of The Key Plan Bedford for EWR Safeguarding Maps SG54-SG60 Reference: 133735-EWR-Z0-XXX-PLN-LEP-00109.V3 (9 January 2026)
Sheet 2 of 2 of The Key Plan Fenny Stratford to Kempston for EWR Safeguarding Maps SG42-SG55 Reference: 133735-EWR-Z0-XXX-PLN-LEP-00108.V2 (18 November 2025)	Sheet 2 of 2 of The Key Plan Fenny Stratford to Kempston for EWR Safeguarding Maps SG42-SG55 Reference: 133735-EWR-Z0-XXX-PLN-LEP-00108.V3 (9 January 2026)
Safeguarding Map SG-53 Reference: 133735-EWR-Z0-XXX-PLN-LEP-00053.V2 (18 November 2025)	Safeguarding Map SG-53 Reference: 133735-EWR-Z0-XXX-PLN-LEP-00053.V3 (9 January 2026)

4. Save for the variation set out in paragraph 3 this Direction makes no other amendments or alterations to the November 2025 Directions or the plans annexed to the November 2025 Directions which remain otherwise unaltered and in force.

5. The Replacement Plans are to be treated as a part of the November 2025 Directions.

¹ SI 2015/595 made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8), see in particular section 74.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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