

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

EAST WEST RAIL

I know that a lot of the members of the public are here tonight to talk about East West Rail, its impact on the village and what we as a Parish Council are doing about it.

Prior to last Wednesday's Cambridge Approaches webinar, we had taken the view that we would wait until East West Rail consulted on their proposed routes in the New Year at their Non-Statutory Public Consultation, when we would know their actual proposals rather than a number of rumoured routes that have been circulating.

From the reaction that we have had both at that meeting and since the meeting, it would seem that residents would like us to take a more pro-active stance.

We are putting together a leaflet explaining what has happened up to date and providing email addresses for the local MP, County Councillors, District Councillors and the Mayor of the combined authority for them to be written to listing your concerns.

We will also provide details in the leaflet of the CamBedRailRoad petition which states that "We, the undersigned, request that the Department of Transport ensures that the proposal for a Northern route for the Central Section of the East West Rail, such as that proposed by CamBedRailRoad with widespread support amongst residents of South Cambridgeshire, is fairly evaluated at the same time and to the same degree as alternative routes proposed by East West Rail Company."

We will also be encouraging and supporting residents to form cluster groups to make sure people are lobbying the politicians and to sign up to the CamBedRailRoad petition.

We will need volunteers from the village are any of you prepared to help us?

Chair Councillor Malcolm Watson
Great Shelford Parish Council