

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

POTENTIAL NEW RAIL ROUTE THROUGH SHELFORD

VILLAGE OPEN MEETING

Great Shelford Parish Council will be holding a village open meeting via Zoom on Friday, 18th December 2020 at 18.00 hours.

EAST WEST RAIL

Work on the new Oxford-Cambridge railway line is to start within five years. East West Rail (EWR) is considering a route option that may run through Great Shelford. This could potentially mean the demolition of homes and the line crossing Cambridge Road, Great Shelford.

WHAT IS PLANNED?

The line will carry passengers and freight with several trains per hour. EWR have announced a preferred corridor from Bedford via Caxton, past Haslingfield, Harston and Hauxton, before joining one of the existing railways in or near Great Shelford and onwards north to Cambridge.

You can see the proposed line here <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/the-project/central-section>

EWR will soon publish their proposed actual route options before selecting one and producing a suitable line map, followed by statutory public consultation. Currently EWR believe residents of Great Shelford are happy with their route passing through our area because they have not heard sufficient voices against it.

ARE THERE ALTERNATIVES?

YES - The corridor is still only a 'preferred route' and EWR must consider local and political opinion. There are campaign groups for possible other route options including a Northern Route, supported by CamBedRailRoad.

You can view the alternatives here:

CamBedRailRoad (Campaign for Northern Route) <http://www.cambedrailroad.org/> who have organised this petition.

<https://www.change.org/p/secretary-of-state-for-transport-northern-rail-route-should-be-evaluated-equally-alongside-ewr-s-current-proposals-d7bd2f1f-7675-41de-b072-161074cfdeef>

IS IT ALL DECIDED?

NO - Nothing has been finalised but EWR are planning to start work by 2025.

EWR is a public body so must be responsive to you and your elected representatives.

OPEN MEETING & CONTACTS

If you would like to contribute to the debate relating to the EWR options, Great Shelford Parish Council are holding an open meeting via Zoom on Friday, 18th December 2020 at 18.00 hours.

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak all Parish Council meetings will be conducted remotely on line. Any members of the Public wishing to view or speak at the meeting can do so by visiting:

<https://zoom.us/join> using Meeting ID: 84137265594

PRESENTING & TAKING QUESTIONS ON THE ABOVE ZOOM MEETING

- Representative (TBA) from CamBedRailRoad
- Anthony Browne MP for South Cambs

In addition, have your say by contacting your Local MP.

The MP for South Cambs is Anthony Browne

Address: Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Road, Hardwick, CB23 7QJ

Or email anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk

You can copy in any of the following Officials using the E-mail links below:

Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Transport: shappsg@parliament.uk

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In addition, e-mail to East West Rail to express your opinion at contact@eastwestrail.co.uk or send a letter to FREEPOST East West Rail.