

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Village Open Meeting
18th December 2020

Process of Meeting

- Note all Participants will be muted outside of the Q&A section of the Meeting.**
- Participants with a question for the Q&A section must click their Raise Hand button found under the Participants menu.**
- The Chair or Asst Parish Clerk will invite you by your name and to unmute your microphone to ask your question.**
- You will be unable to unmute your microphone until you have been nominated to speak.**
- Every effort will be made to take all questions.**
- There is no time limit on the meeting.**
- If your question has already been asked and answered please click the Lower Hand button.**

Order of Events

1) Statement from

- **Councillor Malcolm Watson, Chair of Great Shelford Parish Council**

2) Statement from

- **Anthony Browne MP for South Cambs**

3) Presentation 10/15 minutes from

- **Sebastian Kindersley Chair CamBedRailRoad**

4) Questions from the Public via the Chair invitation to speak

5) Contacts List

1) Statement from Chair of Great Shelford Parish Council

Good evening everyone, thank you for joining and welcome to this “virtual” village meeting, my name is Malcolm Watson and I am chair of the Parish Council.

The format for this evening is that I’d like to make a brief statement on behalf of the Parish Council, Anthony Browne, our local MP, will then make a statement and we will then have the presentation from Sebastian from CamBedRailRoad followed by any questions you may have.

I am sure that residents are well aware of the three major infrastructure projects that are affecting our village

- Cambridge South railway station
- Greater Cambridge Partnership Busway
- East West Rail.

Tonight’s meeting is going to focus on East West Rail.

What is East West Rail?

A railway between Oxford and Cambridge made up of three sections.

- Western section from Oxford to Bedford.
- Central section from Bedford to Cambridge
- Eastern section from Cambridge to Norwich, Felixstowe and Ipswich

It is a publicly funded government scheme and the Department for Transport has formed the East West Rail Company to deliver it. It has been classified as a “Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.”

Currently East West Rail have selected “Option E” as their preferred route.

The Option E portion that affects us locally could broadly run from Caxton station towards Toft and then there are many configurations and villages that it could go past - Eversdens, Harlton, Barton, Haslingfield, Harston, Hauxton, Newton, Little Shelford through Great Shelford and into the Cambridge south station - exact route unknown.

Initially we misunderstood the urgency of the situation, we thought that we could act once EWR Co. announced the proposed route in early 2021 once we knew exactly where the route was to go.

However we are now aware that East West Rail are actively working in and carrying out a number of surveys in the area and we believe the route into Shelford will be hugely damaging to our village and in addition we are now finding out about the potentially large freight capability. We think we need to voice our concern now. The Parish Council will be actively supporting and working with the newly formed Great Shelford working group which is made up of concerned residents to make sure information about this proposal is available and updates can be given frequently.

There is a proposed alternative approach to the Option E area and we think that a northern approach to Cambridge North Station should be reconsidered and given a full and fair consultation. We support a north Cambourne station that uses a multi modal A428 travel corridor that would serve the growing settlements of Cambourne and Northstowe and link in with the proposed light rail and the guided busway in an area where housing developments are being planned. We feel this would be the right approach. There is emerging evidence that it would be shorter, arguably cheaper, have higher benefits, and lower impact on residential areas and wildlife.

Going forward I would ask that residents write to Anthony, County Councillors, District Councillors and the two Secretaries of State mentioned on our leaflet asking for a northern approach to Cambridge North Station to be reconsidered and to list their concerns about the affects on our village.

In addition we ask that residents sign the CamBedRailRoad petition calling for a northern route to be reconsidered, details of which are on the leaflet.

I will now hand over to Anthony.

2) Statement from Anthony Browne MP for South Cambs

3) Presentation from Sebastian Kindersley Chair CamBedRailRoad

4) Questions from the Public via the Chair invitation to speak

- You will be invited to speak by Name from the Chair / Asst Parish Clerk**

5) Contacts List

You can have your say by contacting

- The MP for South Cambs Anthony Browne
Address: Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Road, Hardwick, CB23 7QJ
Or email anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk
- Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Transport: shappsg@parliament.uk
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- County Councillor Kevin Cuffley kevin.cuffley@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
- County Councillor Roger Hickford roger.hickford@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
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- District Councillor Nick Sample cllr.sample@scambs.gov.uk
- EWR: contact@eastwestrail.co.uk
or send a letter to FREEPOST East West Rail.

You can also contribute via the Village Local EWR Action Group

- gt-shelford-ewr-action@googlegroups.com

All the above contacts are on the leaflet announcing this meeting and that can also be found on the Parish Council WebSite www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk