

# East West Rail to hold drop-in events ahead of statutory consultation

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The logo for East West Rail, with "east" in a bold, lowercase, black font, "West" in a larger, bold, lowercase, black font, and "RAIL" in a smaller, bold, uppercase, black font below "West".The website URL "eastwestrail.co.uk" in a bold, lowercase, black font.

**East West Railway Company (EWR)** will hold a series of information events in May, helping people to understand how the formal application process to build the railway works.

Nine information events are set to be held across the whole line of route between Oxford, Milton Keynes, Bedford and Cambridge.

EWR said that the events will provide information about the statutory consultation process, which begins in June. Details of the route's proposed design will be shared when the statutory consultation begins.

The operator added that, during a series of community sessions in November 2023, participants indicated that they would like to learn more about the Development Consent Order (DCO) process, and how they could get involved.

It has developed its latest round of drop-in events accordingly, aiming to explain what the different stages of the DCO application are and how that process works. These sessions are not formal consultation events and there will be no specific design information or proposals available to view. However, that design information will of course be available at the statutory consultation where there will then be the

opportunity to share feedback about our proposals.

Beth West, CEO, EWR, said: “EWR is a once in a generation opportunity that has the potential to positively impact the lives of hundreds of thousands of people by improving access to jobs, educational opportunities and public services.

“If you live or work around the line of the route and are not aware or unsure about the process for us getting consent to build the railway, I would encourage you to get involved and attend one of these events to find out more.”

The events are open to everyone and take place as follows:

- Tuesday 7th May – Bedford Rowing Social Club, The Boathouse, Duck Mill Lane, Bedford, MK42 0AX, from 2pm-7pm.
- Wednesday 8th May – Cutteslowe Pavilion Hall, Cutteslowe Park, Oxford, OX2 8ES, from 2pm-7pm.
- Thursday 9th May – Weyland Hall, 8-10 North Street, Bicester, OX26 6ND, from 2pm-7pm
- Friday 10th May – South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, CB23 6EA, from 2pm-7pm.
- Monday 20th May – Roxton Village Hall, High Street, Roxton, MK44 3EB, from 2pm-7pm.
- Tuesday 21st May – St Philip’s Church Centre, 185 Mill Road, Cambridge, CB1 3AN, from 2pm-7pm.
- Wednesday 22nd May – Comberton Village Hall, Green End, Comberton, CB23 7DY, from 2pm-7pm.
- Thursday 23rd May – Bletchley Masonic Centre, 263 Queensway, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 2BZ, from 2pm-7pm.
- Friday 24th May – Marston Moreteyne Community Centre, Great Linns, Marston Moreteyne, MK4 0DD, from 2pm-7pm.