

## Central Bedfordshire Level Crossings


East West Rail (Marston Vale Line)  
East Coast Mainline



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## Proposed New Passenger Services on East West Rail Western Section



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## EWR Objectives

- ❖ Improve east west public transport connectivity;
- ❖ Increase economic growth, prosperity and employment within the South-East of England through improvements to east west rail links;
- ❖ Provide faster, more reliable and additional rail links from the west to Cambridge, Norwich and Ipswich;
- ❖ Improve journey times and reliability of inter-regional and commuter journeys;
- ❖ Increase capacity for inter-regional and commuter journeys;
- ❖ Maintain and enhance capacity for rail freight;
- ❖ Contribute to tackling climate change.

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## Project Progress



- ❖ The 'Western Section' is now a committed, funded scheme to re-introduce passenger and freight services between Bedford and Oxford, Milton Keynes and Aylesbury.
- ❖ Spring 2016 - Phase 1: Oxford to Bicester Town Delivered
- ❖ 2019 - Phase 2: Bicester to Bedford Delivered

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## Ongoing work streams of EWR

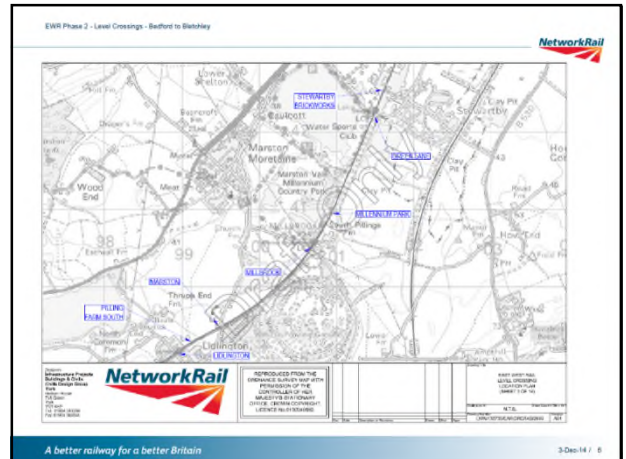
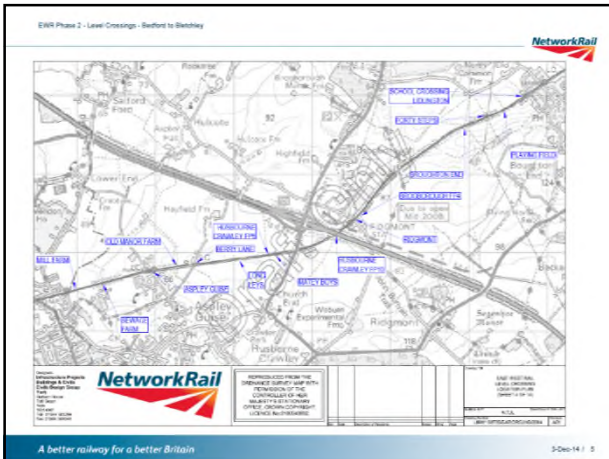
- ❖ Western section – working with consortium on delivery of route to Bedford
  - Bucks CC project lead
- ❖ Level crossing closure programme
  - NR propose closure of all crossings – private, public rights of way and road
- ❖ Central Section – route planning and feasibility
  - Project now taken on by Network Rail

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## Level crossing closures



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### EWR Timetable

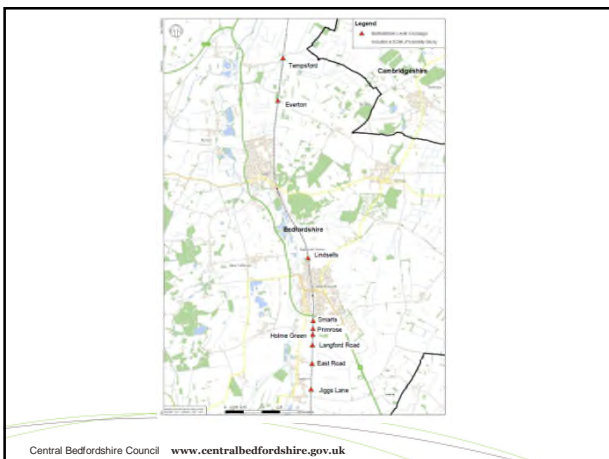
- April to June 2015: NR Public Information Events
- Sept 2015: Start of Formal consultation
- Feb 15 - May 16: EIA Development
- July 15 – March 16: Formal Consultation on TWAO
- June 2016: TWAO Submission
- March 17: TWAO Approval
- March 17 – March 19: Construction
- April 19: Operational

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### East Coast Mainline

JIGGS LANE	Bridleway
EAST ROAD	Bridleway / Private Road
LANGFORD ROAD	Footpath
HOLME GREEN	Footpath / Private Road
PRIMROSE	Footpath
SMARTS	Footpath
LINSELLS	Bridleway
EVERTON	Road
TEMPSFORD	Road

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- Oct 14 – Feb 15: Public Consultation
- Feb 15 – Sept 15: EIA Development
- Oct 2015: TWAO Submission
- March 16: TWAO Approval
- March 16 – March 19: Construction (dependent on other NR projects)

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