Extracts from the East West Rail 2024 Consultation Document online

https://eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation2024#block-1845

Fast, easy travel across the region for everyone

East-west public transport is currently limited to a coach service, which takes 1 hour 50 minutes between Oxford and Milton Keynes at peak times, and the bus journey between Bedford to Cambridge, which takes up to 1 hour 30 minutes. With East West Rail, these journey times could be cut to under 45 minutes from Oxford to Milton Keynes, and could take 35 minutes between Bedford and Cambridge.

East West Rail could take you from Oxford to Cambridge via Bedford, Bicester and Bletchley in approximately 1 hour 35 minutes, with no need to change in London.

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How East West Rail would benefit Cambourne

East West Rail would make it easier to connect to other parts of the UK and get around the local area with faster connections that are greener for the environment. East West Rail's new link from Cambourne would dramatically cut the travel time to Cambridge, which is currently around an hour by car during busy periods. EWR would also provide better access to jobs and days out with friends and family, while supporting investment in public services.

By providing a new, reliable and sustainable way to travel, EWR would boost the economy, while making the region an even better place to live and work for local people.

Making it easier to get around Cambourne

With the new station at Cambourne, East West Rail would help reduce car dependency and congestion, making it easier and faster to get around locally. With the journey to Cambridge taking just 15 minutes from Cambourne, hour-long commutes by car in rush hour could be a thing of the past.

Get to more jobs and opportunities from Cambourne

A new station at Cambourne would mean faster, easier commutes to more than two million jobs across the region, reducing the need to drive. Connecting employment hubs and communities, EWR could help unlock over £100 billion in additional value for the area by 2050. Our goal is to foster inclusive economic growth, giving communities improved access to education, skills and opportunities at a local and national level.

Supporting public services for Cambourne

We are working closely with local partners to deliver Local Opportunity Plans that will kickstart growth around the new station and regenerate the area. EWR would make it easier for everyone in the Cambourne area to get around the region and access better public services.

Greener journeys from Cambourne

A new railway would take cars off the road and improve local air quality by providing regular train services across the region, reducing emissions with journeys that are better for the environment.

Compared to a car journey, travelling by train can reduce emissions up to two thirds and our ambition is to be a net zero carbon railway. We're committed to protecting the region's natural assets and we have planted 150,000 trees as just one element of our strategy to deliver a 10% net biodiversity gain.

Get to the rest of the UK more easily from Cambourne

EWR would connect to most of the north-south main lines making it easier to get to the rest of the UK from Cambourne, bringing friends and family closer. With more options and shorter journey times, Cambourne residents can enjoy the nation's most-loved destinations across the UK via train, from a city break in Liverpool to the cobbled streets of Bath.

Interchanges with other train lines will also provide better connections to UK airports such as Luton, Stansted and Birmingham, making overseas destinations more accessible.