

# EAST WEST RAILWAY - IMPACT UPON KINGSTON

## WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR

The East West Rail Company ('EWR') has outlined five possible routes for the new railway line between Bedford and Cambridge. All of these ignore the possibility of a northern approach into Cambridge using Cambridge North Station. EWR insist on a route that enters Cambridge from the south to join the King's Cross line and a new Cambridge South Station. These routes therefore all cut across South Cambridgeshire and will involve major constructions to elevate the railway line.

The five routes from Bedford merge into two suggested options for the Cambourne to The Eversdens section and these will have implications for Kingston. Both options require an elevated construction to cross over the A603 near the Eversdens.

**Diagram 1 [EWR routes 2, 6 & 8]:** If a new Cambourne South station is built, EWR's proposed route alignments will bring the railway line close to the northern edge of Kingston, probably on a raised embankment and blocking the B1046 between Kingston and Toft.

**Diagram 2 [EWR routes 1 & 9]:** If a new Cambourne North station is built, the railway will cross the B1046 between Toft and Comberton. This route will include the construction of an elevated section (proposed embankment c. 10m high) cutting across the top of Caldecote.

## WE NEED ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Members of Kingston Parish Council have participated in public meetings with East West Rail and submitted questions on behalf of Kingston. These questions remain unanswered.

## YOU CAN HELP

Ask questions and raise your concerns. *We have been clearly told that if the authorities receive few responses, they will assume that communities are in favour of the suggested routes.* Now is the time to be heard.

- Public livechat sessions online with EWR personnel
- EWR consultation telephone line 0330 134 0067
- Write to Anthony Browne MP
- Write to the Transport Minister Grant Shapps MP and the Minister of State for Transport Chris Heaton-Harris MP

The EWR consultation feedback form can be completed online [www.eastwestrail.co.uk](http://www.eastwestrail.co.uk) Alternatively, ask a member of the Parish Council for a paper copy of the form and we will post one through your letter box.

## **Kingston Parish Council. Our unanswered questions:**

- 1) Will a full review of the northern option (to Cambridge North) be carried out? If not, why not?*
- 2) How much noise will alignments 2, 6 and 8 generate in the village of Kingston, bearing in mind the listed building, Kingston Church is only 400m from the line shown on the map? If this is not known, when can we expect to see maps of noise levels?*
- 3) How high will the embankment be north of Kingston? If this is not known, when will landscape drawings and a "fly-over" be available to show us the visual impact of routes 2, 6 and 8 on the landscape of the valley of the Bourn Brook between Bourn and Toft?*
- 4) What measures are planned to protect the wildlife of the valley of the Bourn Brook?*
- 5) Will both roads connecting Kingston to the B1046 (Bourn to Barton road) be kept open?*
- 6) Under the alternative emerging preference alignments which use a Cambourne North station, how will the B1046 cross the railway between Toft and Comberton?*
- 7) Has a business case review been carried out to reflect the post Covid pandemic environment and the needs and viability of the East West Rail project?*

Diagram 1 – Routes 2, 6 and 8 all use a Cambourne South Station and pass close to Kingston.

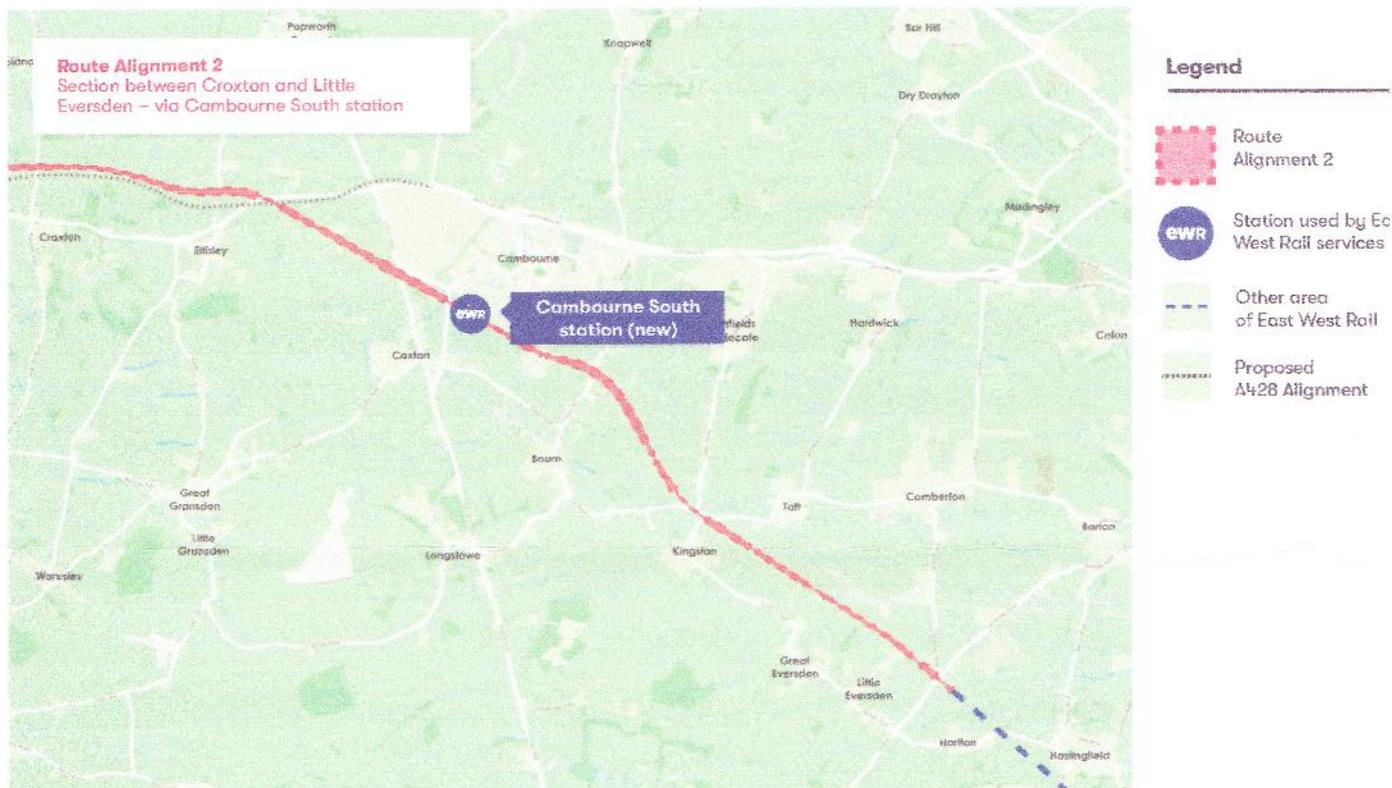


Diagram 2 – Routes 1 and 9 use a Cambourne North Station and pass further away.

