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Dear Sirs

**Re: East-West Rail - Bedford to Cambridge Route Options**


Firstly, I support the principle of the central section of the East West Rail line which would be transformational for our local economy and enable sustainable regional growth. Having carefully considered each of the proposed options I write to add my support for routes B or E.

The route of the railway should deliver tangible benefits to existing communities in Huntingdonshire as well as enable the creation of sustainable settlements that are supported by a range of infrastructure. A new railway providing complementary sustainable transport choices should be more closely aligned with the existing proposals for transport infrastructure (A428/A421 and Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements along the preferred Orange route).

Along with the A428/A421, routes B or E would provide a key, single, multi-modal east-west transport corridor. Such an approach would also have an important environmental benefit in that it would significantly reduce the impact of having two entirely separate transport/growth corridors.

A new train station south of Cambridgeshire's largest town, St Neots, would provide a significant opportunity to enable East-West and North-South travel. Delivering a new station south of St Neots would also have the potential to reduce private car-based trips between Cambridge and St Neots. If either options B or E are supported, then a station south of St Neots should therefore be located as close to the town as possible.

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Furthermore, a proposed new station on the East Coast Mainline at Alconbury Weald to the north of Huntingdon would also connect the Enterprise Zone at Alconbury Weald to this North-South and East-West network.

These and other local infrastructure projects such as the emerging proposals for a Cambridge Autonomous Metro could provide transfer opportunities from East-West Rail onto local public transport that would serve the wider Huntingdonshire/Cambridge areas. The East-West Rail project needs to consider these potential transfers as opportunities rather than risks as such infrastructure interventions are not competing; but complementary.

I understand that Route E is also supported by South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridge City Council, Huntingdonshire District Council and Bedford Borough Council.

Yours sincerely

