

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF WYBOSTON, CHAWSTON & COLESDEN PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

East West Rail have launched their (3rd) Non-Statutory Consultation (NSC) today. It runs until 24th January 2024

Having wasted months and thousands of pounds of Tax-payers money on part of the route they called the '*Tempsford Variant 1a*' going to the South of the Black Cat interchange they have now introduced to us **Route sections 1b and 1c** - marked in blue on the attached map.

They say their '**preferred choice**' is **1c**, going to the North of the Black Cat and **EXACTLY** the same as their proposed 'Route Alignment-1' PRIOR to their Route Update Announcement (RUA) back in June 2023!!

This means that this Parish (and especially Chawston) will be impacted by noise and air pollution ongoing once the line is built - but the damage and carnage to our roads and environment will be horrendous! - You think it's bad enough with National Highways A428 Black Cat scheme but this is nothing to the impact this railway construction will have!

During construction they will need to close Roxton Road, the new Link Road, A1 North and South carriageways to construct their new huge viaduct (was going to be 2.7km long and upto 19 metres high) and this will not be a '5 minute job'

They will also need to move millions of cubic metres of soil/clay/ etc when digging out cuttings and building embankments and so forth, all along our village roads which are totally unsuitable for such traffic.

We are all looking forward the NH-A428 project completing..... and then we'll have this to look forward to 🙄

The EWR 2024 Consultation can be found at:- <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation2024>

We urge all residents to respond to this consultation and to attend any of the 'in-person' events they are holding. More details will be posted as the Consultation unfolds...

The in-person events will run from 2pm - 7pm on weekdays and 12pm - 5pm at weekends.

Saturday 30 November - The Grand Hall (Bedford Sixth Form), Bedford

Monday 9 December - Bedford Swan Hotel and Spa, Bedford

Wednesday 11 December - Wilden Village Hall, Wilden

Friday 13 December - Stuart Memorial Hall, Tempsford

Tuesday 7 January - St Neots Football Club, St Neots