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Our Infrastructure proposals

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Q12 *Bedford:*

Where they want to make it a 6-track section through the town, demolishing homes in the Poets area, moving St Johns station closer to South Wing Hospital, years of construction works in the carpark area.

Community benefits - ZERO, impacts PHENOMENAL, increased Noise and Air pollution.

Years of carnage with the construction in and around the Town with no foreseeable benefits to the town or residents.

Door to Door connectivity for a negligible number of residents who MAY want to travel to either Oxford or Cambridge on an expensive train journey.

ERW say it will enable 'Doctors to hop on a train to go to Cambridge Hospitals to colleagues - most of which is done on line to save time!

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Clapham Green to Colesden (actually it's Clapham, Ravensden, Wilden and beyond to Colesden, Chawston & Wyboston) but we'll work on Colesden eastwards.

Q13 Coming from Wilden we will get 1.5Km of 'passing loops' where slower trains will pull in to let faster trains pass (the design speed of this track has been noted as a '100mph track') most of which will be at 'ground level' or shallow cuttings all at a relatively high point in the terrain so our Parish will be subject to constant noise, pollution from any engine-powered trains (used for freight) and visual impact where overhead gantry electricity is used.

The 'land grab' as shown in purple on the route maps is obscene and highly damaging to the 'food security' of this country. Much of this will be taken 'forever' but that taken for 'construction and logistics' even when eventually returned to the farmers will take decades to recover so will probably be classed as 'brownfield sites' and be swamped with housing - is this what you really want?

Traffic and Transport will, during construction, degrade our local roads which are not much more than 'tarmac'd tracks built for horse & cart' and will be unusable. Door to door connectivity will be non-existent especially for the elderly and infirm unable to access the proposed new station(s).

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Roxton to east of St Neots - Tempsford alignment and Station

Q14a

Please Click on Alignment 1b, to the South of the Black Cat

1c is closer to Chawston / Wyboston so will have a greater impact with noise, pollution and visual impact.

As the prevailing winds are from the South-West this rail line will have a MAJOR impact on our Parish so the further south (Option 1b) we can get it the better for the well-being of all our residents.

Q14b - any of the above can be added here.

Q15 add anything here or leave blank.

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Route-wide matters

Q22

The need for rail-freight is not proven and in many cases not cost-effective so will therefore add extra burden to already high and rising prices thus fuelling inflation.

‘Discontinuous electrification’ of trains will cause severe instability in local power supplies and to an already fragile supply source.

The environmental impact on the whole area of route CS3 Clapham to Roxton will be devastating not only to wildlife but to the well-being of the local population.

EWR have stated that this is ‘all about growth’ - which means houses, houses and more houses - but there is no infrastructure to support these, just think how long it takes to get a doctors or dentists appointment! Insufficient water supplies, inadequate local roads, the list goes on and on.

Any property within hearing distance of the railway will be blighted and devalued accordingly.

Construction - the impact has already been mentioned in Q13

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About consultation - we’ll leave you to add your comments to Q23, 24 and 25

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