



## £760m commitment to support next phase of East West Rail

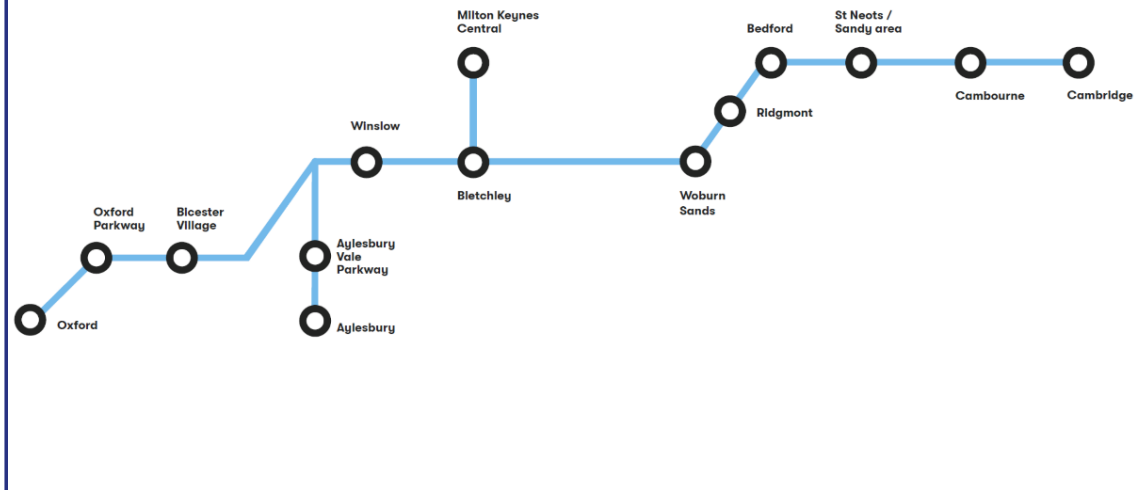
**Funding for construction work breathes new life into the new East West Rail line**

Following the Government's announcement on Saturday that they have committed £760 million in new funding to support the new East West Rail line, we're getting in touch to give you all the information you need to know about what the investment announcement means for the next phases of East West Rail and your local communities.

The funding is for part of the line between Oxford and Bletchley/Milton Keynes and means this section of East West Rail is expected to be up and running by 2025. Delivery of this stage is expected to provide work for 1,500 people, injecting an estimated £1.1bn pounds into the local economy.

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## Introducing services in three connection stages

At East West Railway Company, we're designing the delivery of the service with the community in mind, making sure we're minimising disruption to local communities, spending taxpayer money in the best way, and delivering reliable services. To do this, we will be delivering East West Rail in three "Connection Stages", which relate directly to a full journey – not just a piece of track.

- **Connection Stage One:** Oxford to Bletchley and Milton Keynes
- **Connection Stage Two:** Oxford to Bedford
- **Connection Stage Three:** Oxford to Cambridge

### Video: the three connection stages

For more information on each of the three connection stages and what it means for stations and communities along the route, watch [our new video](#).

# To make this happen, we're delivering East West Rail in three "Connection Stages".

[Watch video](#)

By delivering the project in this way, we can create real benefits:

- **Minimise disruption for local communities** – we are looking to find the best way to reduce the length and severity of disruption for local communities
- **Deliver the best value for taxpayers** – by properly integrating the whole railway all the way from planning to operations we will find efficiencies and cost saving for the taxpayer
- **Increase reliability of our services** – the project is about more than just laying down steel and concrete: we're thinking about how timetables and connections with other parts of the rail network will impact your journeys, so we can be confident of delivering reliable services from day one.

For more detail on each connection stage, please click below.

[The three connection stages](#)

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## Consultation in 2021

We're planning a non-statutory public consultation soon to hear your views on proposals for the exact route of the new section of railway line that would run between Bedford and Cambridge. The consultation will also cover more detailed plans for sections of the line

with our stakeholders and communities.

[Find out more](#)

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## Keeping you connected

Have you signed up to our quarterly newsletter? *Keeping You Connected* provides updates on key elements of the project across all three connection stages.

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