

A record of the chat messages exchanged during the Zoom meeting with residents on East-West Rail proposals on 4 November 2020

(private chats have been redacted and spellings have been corrected)

From Des O'Brien : Please ask questions on chat and we can then manage participation

From Mark Howell : I have an update on the Mayors CAM

From Des O'Brien : we can review during discussion

From Alison Bourne : is the metro actually agreed?

From Matt Schumann : To what extent has EWRail engaged with BPC? Is there any more detailed indication of route from EWRail than the fuzzy snake?

From Alison Bourne : why is there such opposition to the north proposal

From rwilliams@crescendobiologics.com : I live at 2 Broadway on corner of Drift and have been asked for permission to conduct surveys via a license

From Simon Rushforth : could we start logging survey activity? it may give us a better indication of the route they are considering.

From Tumi Hawkins : The alignment will not be known until after all the environmental survey has been done

From paul : I have been asked for a survey, which I have ignored. £250 compensation offered by them and up to £750 in legal fees if wanted to consult solicitor

From rwilliams@crescendobiologics.com : why not use existing road infrastructure (A428) for EWR route?

From Les Rolfe : An ecological survey has already been done on the play area on Broadway a couple of weeks ago. Fifteen minutes scribbling on an ipad and they were gone. Didn't even walk the perimeter as they said there was nothing to look at.

From Jeannie : I am confused about the route shown on Steve's maps around Haslingfield. I have been told by a Haslingfield resident that apparently surveying is going on between Haslingfield and Barrington? I know it sounds implausible.

From Simon Rushforth : I am not sure about that Des as the ones logged on Cambridge approaches are on a straight line

From Petrina Jackson : I am now confused, what was Mark saying that the mayor did not get backing for today?

From Philip Randerson : We live on the Drift and declined a survey and haven't heard back.

From Mark Howell : Petrina, if you wish to give me a ring happy to chat 01480 831848

From Neil and Kris Stutchbury : Petrina - the Mayor failed to get support for the Cambridge metro. The northern route of the railway entering Cambridge at the Cambridge North station is only a suggestion put forward by CamBed Railroad. It is unlikely to go forward because of the freight train problem getting to Felixstowe.

From paul : so what action can be taken to try and force the option of the alternative northern cambourne route? MP, Mayor, SCDC, CCC, EWR?

From Mark Howell : The debate this morning at the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting is well worth watching. You can find it here

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/aT3y9Y7CQxvPR2izD42eDEeKXMV0_0YgFg_q81sMegmus30V-hdBYNvPKScVvMzt.LdyQZDO-g-H_TB4g, beginning at 00:56:00.

Or if you can't spare one hour, three and a half minutes (though you can reply at one and a half or double speed), just watch James Palmer's face from 01:58:55 to 01:59:31.

From Tumi Hawkins : Cambed Rail was the first group to proposed the northern route. EWR refused to put it to consultation as option 6

From Jeannie : What are S Cambs & Cambridgeshire County policies re location of the line south or north of Cambourne

From Alison Bourne : could Cambourne North station become an interchange hub? ie a Parkway-type station

From hheginbotham : Does Mark believe the main objection to the project was the cost of the project?

From Mark Howell : I was not in the meeting but I can guess the issues was the cost and the route. The time I would see is also an issue as the CAM would take 6 + years where the current route is approximately 2 years.

From hheginbotham : Thanks Mark, that makes sense

From Mark Howell : there is also the likelihood of several Judicial Review on the CAM

From Alison Bourne : will the presentation be put on the BPC website?

From hheginbotham : We will hopefully have the Black Cat to Caxton road improvements, that will mean more traffic coming into the junction, to feed into a station

From Jeannie : Is it possible to put a list of contact details (on the website?) for parties that it is worth approaching to keep up the pressure

From Tumi Hawkins : We had asked why EWR could not run the line parallel to the A428 upgrade. The answer was a waffle - not as easy as we think it might be

From Alison Bourne : everyone in the village had a document pack about the consultation

From Jeannie : If you look at the detailed statistics that have been published on figures that is a fudge

From Philip Randerson : Give us your email on here and I'll email you now.

From Alison Bourne : Maybe publicise it on the village FB page

From Jeannie : Is it intended to have more ZOOM meetings like this?

From Matt Schumann : Thanks very much BPC for keeping on top of this!