

The chat log from Bourn Parish Council EGM on 5 May 2021 re-EWR Consultation

19:37:24 From Des O'Brien to Everyone :

Hello all. Thanks for joining the meeting. Just to let you know that we are recording this meeting.

19:41:45 From Matt Schumann to Everyone :

Is the wide line an embankment or a cutting?

19:42:06 From Chloe Tobin to Everyone :

Do we know which properties will be demolished?

19:43:46 From Richard Wilkinson to Everyone :

By "underneath" the Broadway and Drift, will this be a cutting or a tunnel?

19:44:23 From Justin to Everyone :

Please can you circulate the close up maps or a link to where they can be downloaded from?

19:44:39 From Stephen Jones to Everyone :

Almost certainly a cutting - SteveJ

19:44:48 From Des O'Brien to Everyone :

We don't yet have information on which houses would be demolished.

19:46:09 From Des O'Brien to Everyone :

Will send the link to the interactive map. The link is on the www.bourn.org website on the East West rail pages

19:47:05 From Matt Schumann to Everyone :

Are they still considering entering Cambridge from the N?

19:47:21 From Rob and Ali Bourne to Everyone :

not according to their website

19:52:32 From Rob and Ali Bourne to Everyone :

I understood that the Northern approach brings far more properties within 100 metres of the line than the Southern approach, is that correct?

19:54:21 From Des O'Brien to Everyone :

Direct Link to interactive map

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/5118014853b64e4c9016ac655d41e941/?draft=true>

19:55:03 From Richard Wilkinson to Everyone :

Did you say that no roads would be severed in our area? (Sorry if I missed this bit)

19:56:20 From Cllr Dr Tumi Hawkins to Everyone :

Correct. EWR have said no roads will be severed. They will go either under or over the roads

19:57:04 From Stuart Darling to Everyone :

If they choose South Cambourne station, will the railway sit in a viaduct north of Bourn or at ground level?

19:58:21 From Maggie & Phil to Everyone :

If it is still under discussion why have trees been removed and crops not planted?

19:58:43 From Cara Rushforth to Everyone :

I was understood that several roads could be severed near Haslingfield and Harlton and EWR have not confirmed if underpass for cyclists and walkers will be an option

19:58:51 From Rob and Ali Bourne to Everyone :

please could Phil explain where the trees have been cut down

20:00:42 From Justin to Everyone :

in an attempt to estimate local traffic impact, how many parking places will be provided at the north or south railway station?

20:02:00 From Rob and Ali Bourne to Everyone :

Tumi, I'm aware that Caldecote have one view, but Bourn may have a differing opinion/view. You have to represent both villages, how will you do this?

20:02:18 From Suzanne Armitage to Everyone :

The diagram on the Great Wall 2 section of the Cambridge Approaches website suggests that all the line west of Chapel Hill to Cambourne will be on embankments rather than in cuttings.

20:04:47 From Richard Wilkinson to Everyone :

I believe we should push EWR that ensuring the railway is green and non-diesel is important to the residents of Bourn. A lot is said of the benefit of taking freight off the roads and onto rail. For Bourn, this means that all the emissions that were otherwise on the roads will be moved closer to Bourn if diesel trains are used.

20:04:56 From Rob and Ali Bourne to Everyone :

EWR aren't favouring a station south of Cambourne

20:06:10 From Chloe Tobin to Everyone :

Having just recently moved into Bourn Broadway we would definitely prefer the Cambourne North station. The reason for this is mainly that our house would possibly be at risk, we feel that there are more positives to the Cambourne North station.

20:09:14 From Susie N to Everyone :

Is any organisation protesting the need and economic justification for building new railways with the coming of the electric car age?

20:09:25 From Cara Rushforth to Everyone :

How can they go further South to Bourn? Is the PX land off the Drift round to the golf course?

20:09:28 From Suzanne Armitage to Everyone :

The maps don't show the extent and exact position of the stations and parking. Is it clear anywhere whether the South station will be south of the line at the top of Caxton or north of the line in Cambourne or straddle the line?

20:10:25 From Louis Smith to Everyone :

Are there any plans to prevent a potential uptick in traffic going through Bourn (because of the new station, whether its North or South) ?

20:11:43 From Kris Stutchbury to Everyone :

Have EWR made any commitment to preserve footpaths that might be in the way?

20:11:57 From Suzanne Armitage to Everyone :

Zero carbon looks as though it only applies to the final operation. The carbon footprint of the construction itself will be very significant and should be included in the assessment.

20:14:18 From M Ballard to Everyone :

Another concerned Broadway resident here - presumably the developers of Bourn Airfield would rather have a northern station? Is it worth BPC reaching out to them on this if there is a shared objective here, as they must hold some sway with EWR?

20:16:28 From Richard Wilkinson to Everyone :

On the wider theme of "Is it needed?", I'd like to make the broader point that it seems morally wrong to destroy/demolish homes/property in an established/ancient village in order to provide a railway station for a new village.

20:17:01 From Judy Pearson to Everyone :

can I make a point regarding THE ABSENCE OF A BUSINESS PLAN Nigel Pearson

20:17:12 From Sarah Jagers to Everyone :

Check out noexpressway.org

20:18:20 From Kathrin to Everyone :

Understand that PX Farms agent has submitted site between The Drift and Golf Course as potential housing development site in SCDC's Local Plan "Call for Sites" process as part of developing Local Plan citing advantages of development adjacent to EW railway.

20:18:50 From Cara Rushforth to Everyone :

Yes that was the land I am presuming M Howell was talking about?

20:19:32 From Mark Howell to Everyone : www.noexpressway.org

20:22:15 From Cllr Dr Tumi Hawkins to Everyone :

<https://www.planningresource.co.uk/article/1706843/mhclg-begin-consulting-plans-four-new-settlements-bedford-cambridge>

20:22:23 From Richard Wilkinson to Everyone :

Great points being made on the lack of business plan!

20:22:58 From Cllr Dr Tumi Hawkins to Everyone :

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/notice/69f2407b-8f73-4b5f-9318-29759cdd6058?origin=SearchResults&p=1>

20:23:37 From Chloe Tobin to Everyone :

Does Cambourne even have suitable road infrastructure to support the traffic if they were to use the south station idea? There are many schools and nurseries and lots of paths with many walkers along the main road in Cambourne (School Lane)

20:26:55 From Cllr Dr Tumi Hawkins to Everyone :

Appendix F can be found here

https://eastwestrail-production.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/public/EAS060_TechDoc_Appendix_Master_DIG-1.pdf

20:28:46 From Chloe Tobin to Everyone :

When do EWR have to make the decision on which route they are going for?

20:29:08 From Suzanne Armitage to Everyone :

What do we know about the whole construction phase? How much disruption and devastation is this going to cause in itself on the surrounding communities and how long will it last?

20:29:41 From Suzanne's iPad to Everyone :

Is there a need for the cam-metro and a railway if they are both running into a main railway station?.

20:30:04 From Sarah Jagers to Everyone :

Here's the link to the recent OxCam Arc talk from last week -

<https://youtu.be/CPumTW96N-M>

20:30:57 From Suzanne Armitage to Everyone :

It would be interesting to understand how many people in Bourn would vote not to support any rail link. Caxton PC have voted with villager support to do exactly this.

20:31:17 From Suzanne's iPad to Everyone :

Also they are able to do noise impact surveys, they will know which trains will be used to start with.

20:32:33 From Cara Rushforth to Everyone :

Even though EWR do not like the northern route, could all south Cambs villages and parish councils support this so we have one louder voice.

20:33:03 From Cara Rushforth to Everyone :

I mean the Cambedrail not the one that runs through our neighbours in Caldecote

20:34:27 From Suzanne's iPad to Everyone :

I would vote for no railway or cam-metro.

20:36:10 From Rob and Ali Bourne to Everyone :

I would support a North Cambourne station but not a North Cambridge approach

20:36:22 From Kris Stutchbury to Everyone :

1. Request a business plan - justification for a railway in post-covid times

20:36:38 From Kris Stutchbury to Everyone :

2. Support Cambourne North

20:36:53 From Hugh More to Everyone :

I would echo the suggestion that the proposals should take account of new transport habits, which are likely to be significantly altered in future. I'd also endorse the North Cambridge approach (or least a full evaluation of it), primarily to spare the impact on the landscape affected by the southern approach

20:37:00 From Stuart Darling to Everyone :

Given the amount of delays to trains from London to Cambridge as they arrive in Cambridge, how will they be able to send more trains into Cambridge from the South?

20:37:02 From Kris Stutchbury to Everyone :

3. Request more detail re-houses/footpaths

20:38:07 From Neil Stutchbury to Everyone :

@Stuart Darling - they plan to expand the line from 2 to 4 tracks to cater for the extra capacity.

20:38:30 From Justin to Everyone :

I'm grateful that we will be getting a local station, this situation would be much less desirable to me to get the railway line without a station

20:38:38 From Cara Rushforth to Everyone :

The railway north or south will be devastating on cycling routes across south cambs cutting across key roads and Chapel Hill!

20:38:45 From Emily Randerson to Everyone :

by cutting through the Broadway 2 main bridal ways will be demolished

20:39:50 From Keith Howlett to Everyone :

Wherever the station is located, what steps can be taken to reduce traffic rat running through Bourn?

20:42:42 From Chloe Tobin to Everyone :

Thankyou

20:42:47 From Rob and Ali Bourne to Everyone :

Chapel Hill will have a cutting though with the current road going as normal, with the railway underneath

20:42:52 From Richard Wilkinson to Everyone :

Thank you for the presentation and holding this meeting! Very much appreciated.

20:42:58 From Matt Schumann to Everyone :

Thanks for all your time and effort investigating this!

20:43:00 From Rob and Ali Bourne to Everyone :

Thank you for organising this

20:43:09 From Louis Smith to Everyone :

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20:43:20 From Alistair Maclean to Everyone :

Thank you

20:43:27 From Judy Pearson to Everyone :

Thank you Des and Neil.

20:43:55 From Rob and Ali Bourne to Everyone :

Basil, you can rename yourself!

20:44:01 From Keith Howlett to Everyone :

Good session, thanks.

20:44:05 From Hugh More to Everyone :

Thank you all - very helpful meeting

20:44:48 From Judy Pearson to Everyone :

Thank you all and in particular Des and Neil. Nigel and Judy Pearson

21:02:40 From Guillaume to Everyone :

Thank you for organising, very interesting

21:30:41 From Matt Schumann to Everyone :

Should we vote for Seb Kindersley tomorrow if he supports the N Cam approach?!