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EAST ANGLIA BRANCH

Meeting for *Railfuture* Members and the Public - **FREE**

SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2025 – 14:00

The Friends' Meeting House in St John's Street

BURY ST EDMUNDS IP33 1SJ

The venue is 10-15 minutes' walk from the railway station

Guest Speaker: MARK WALKER, Cogitamus

Listeners of the 'Calling All Stations' podcast, which is presented by Railfuture Honorary President Christian Wolmar, will recognise the co-cost, Mark Walker.

His LinkedIn profile page says that he "helps the worlds of politics and business understand one another." He has been doing so for over 20 years now as a commercial lobbyist and, since 2007, as Chief Executive of his own company Cogitamus Limited (the name means we think" or "we plan" in Latin), which not only produces the podcast but also issues various other railway communications. His working life started at the customer-facing end of the transport industry. Railfuture has invited Mark Walker to speak because his exchanges with political contacts give him a good idea about where the railway industry is likely to go in the next few years.



After a break for refreshments, at 15:00, the East Anglia branch AGM will include a report from the chair, Ian Couzens, including an update of Railfuture campaigns across East Anglia, plus the election of the committee for 2025/26. Everyone is welcome to stay for the AGM, but only Railfuture members in the East Anglia branch will be able to vote.

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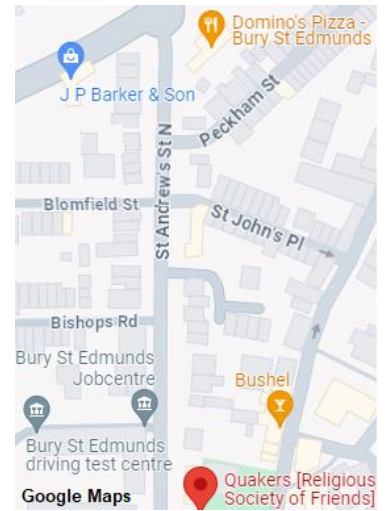
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Directions to the Friends' Meeting House, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1SJ



The St. John's Street entrance is opposite the bus station and car park, the entrance from St. Andrew's Street is best for those walking from the railway station, which is about 10 minutes away. Light refreshments will be available. There is a good range of cafés and restaurants nearby.



The direct walking route from the station is along Station Hill, over the roundabout into Ipswich Street to the end, which then becomes St John's Street. The venue is on the right.

NEXT EAST ANGLIA BRANCH PUBLIC MEETINGS

All on Saturdays beginning at 14:00.

21 Jun 2025 – Ipswich

27 Sep 2025 – Norwich

6 Dec 2025 – Cambridge

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Location chosen to enable travel on the Northumberland rail line, opened in December 2024.

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Plus regional mini-conference in Peterborough on Thursday 15 May 2025

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