

EastWestRail

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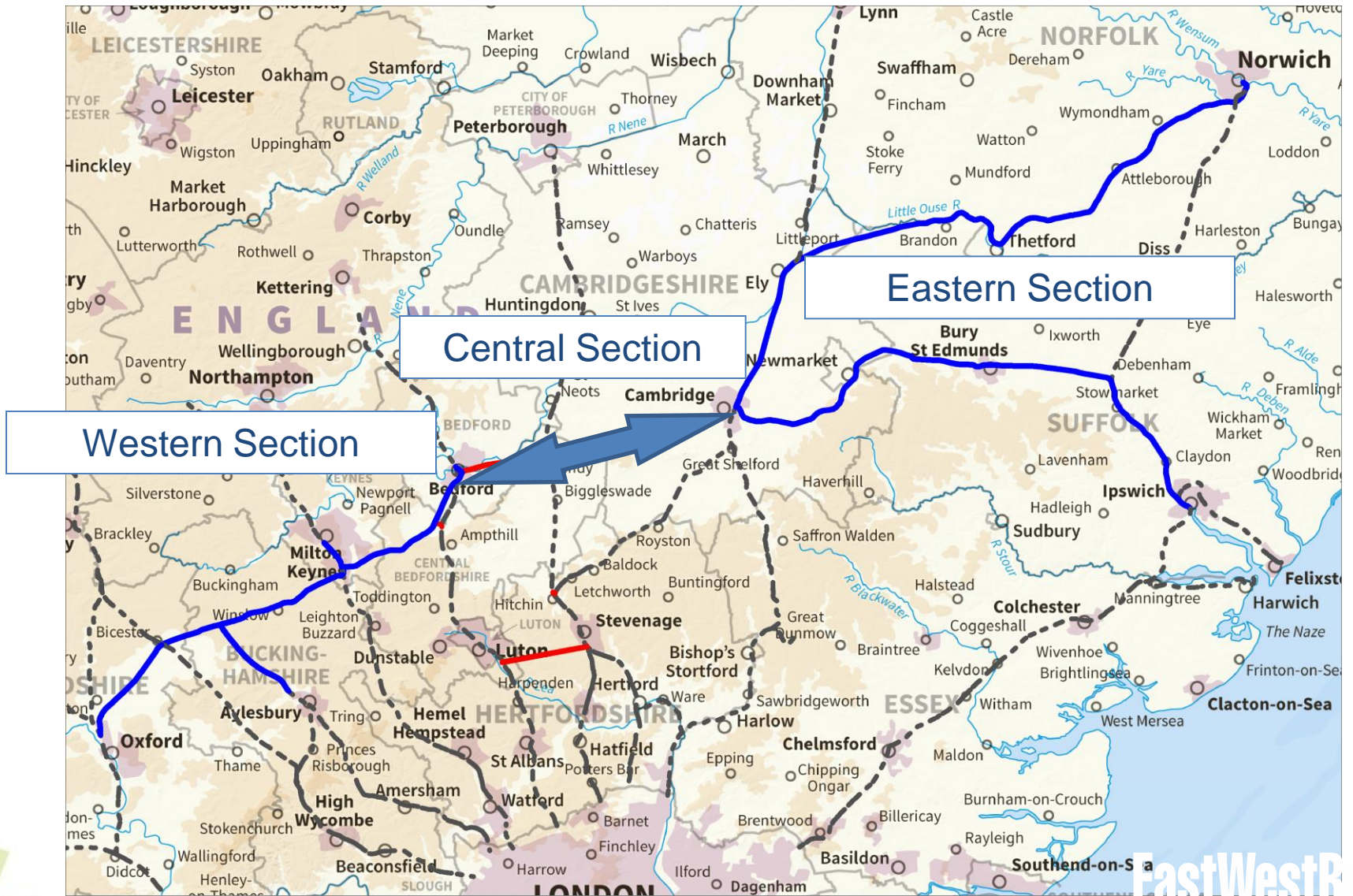
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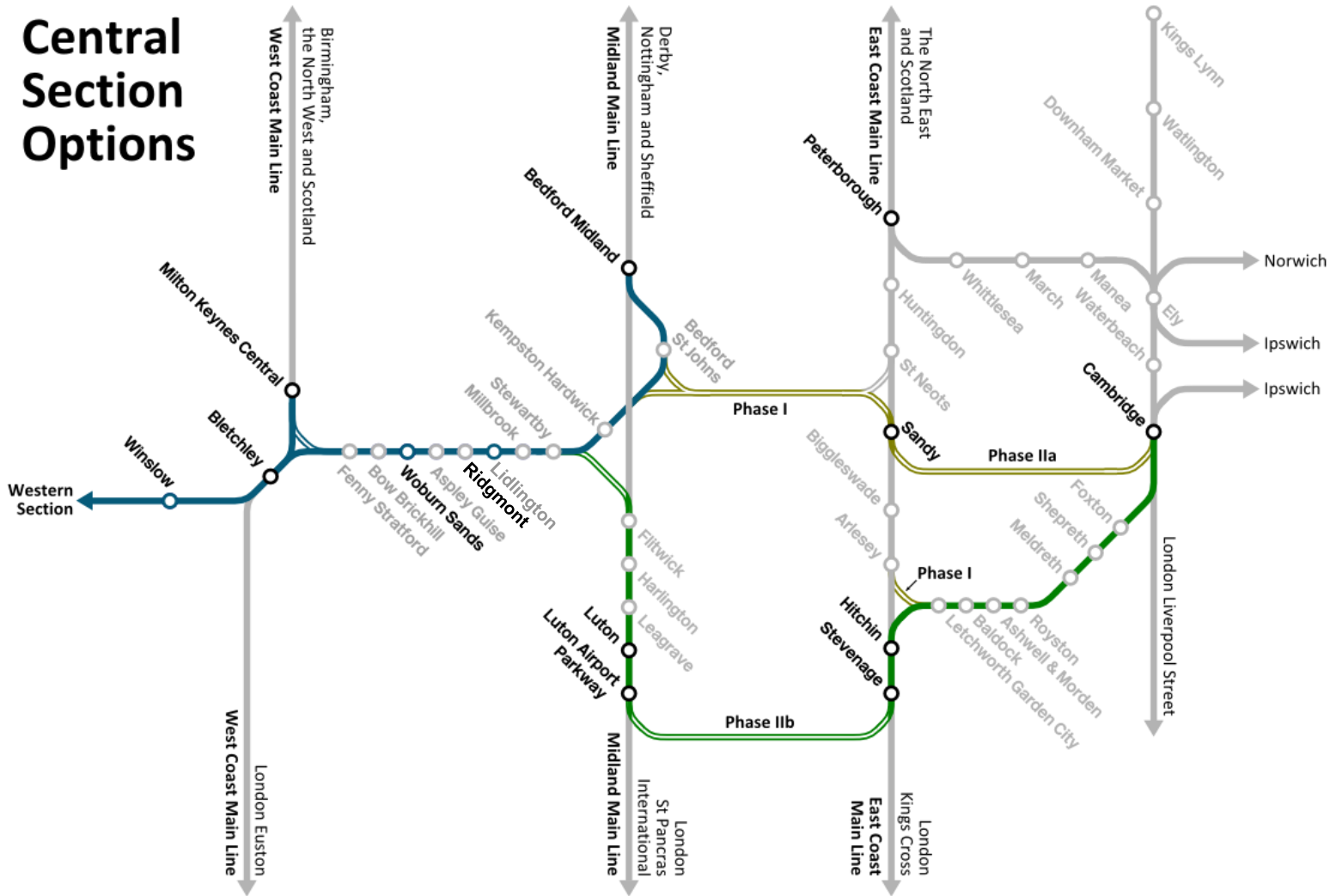
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EWR Vision



Central Section Options



EWR Strategic Objectives

- Improve east west public transport connectivity;
- Increase economic growth, prosperity and employment within the South-East of England through improvements to east west rail links;
- Provide faster, more reliable and additional rail links from the west to Cambridge, Norwich and Ipswich;
- Improve journey times and reliability of inter-regional and commuter journeys;
- Increase capacity for inter-regional and commuter journeys;
- Maintain and enhance capacity for rail freight;
- Contribute to tackling climate change.

Conditional Outputs Statement (COS)

The COS will set out what the rail industry will aim to deliver from an EWR-CS scheme

- Establish the rationale for progressing the scheme
- Define its strategic scope
- Underpinned by a sound evidence base on drivers and context for intervention

COS for EWR-CS to present evidence on drivers for intervention against themes that reflect the EWRC Strategic Objectives:

- Economic activity and growth
- Transport network efficiency and performance
- Passenger travel demand
- Freight demand
- Climate change

COS will consequently:

- Indicate scope for EWR-CS to deliver against key business case criteria
- Ensure key challenges / conditions / risks to realising benefits are recognised
- Establish a sound basis / strategic specification for scheme design development
– the potential follow-on stage of the study

Approach to Study

