

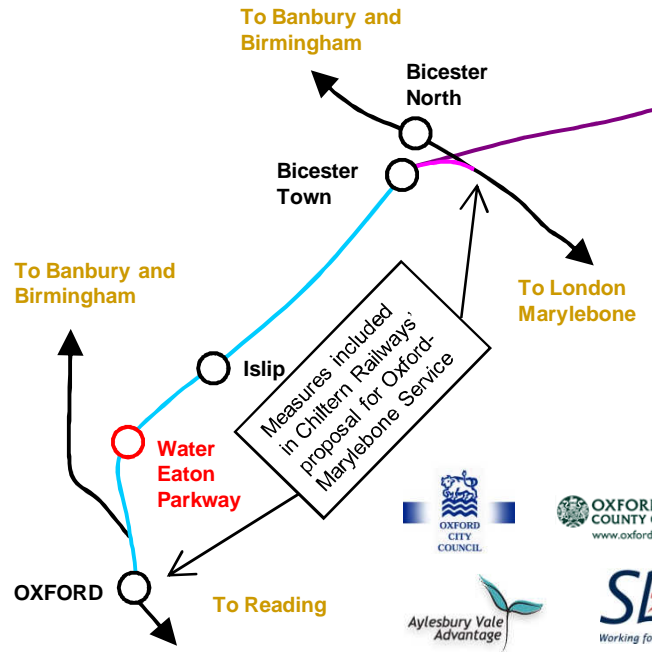


A strategic project promoted by the East West Rail Consortium to establish railway connections between East Anglia, Central, Southern and Western England.

The Western section will provide train services between Oxford and Milton Keynes, and Aylesbury and Milton Keynes. It will increase existing train services between Bletchley and Bedford, improving connectivity between Bedford and Oxford.

KEY TO WESTERN SECTION MAP

- Existing single line to be upgraded under Evergreen 3 proposal
- New chord linking Marylebone – Banbury line to Oxford route
- Existing freight single line to be upgraded
- Disused track to be restored
- Existing lines to be used by EWR services
- Proposed station
- Future station

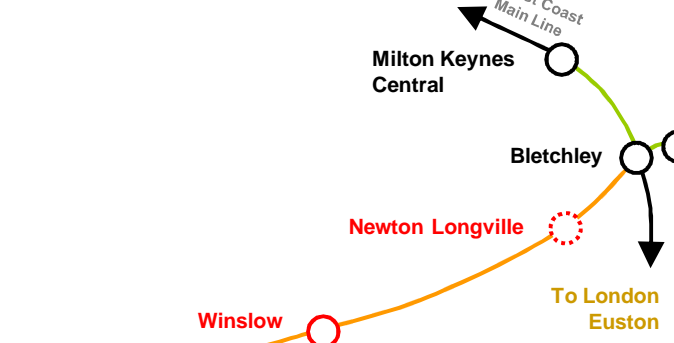


Western Section

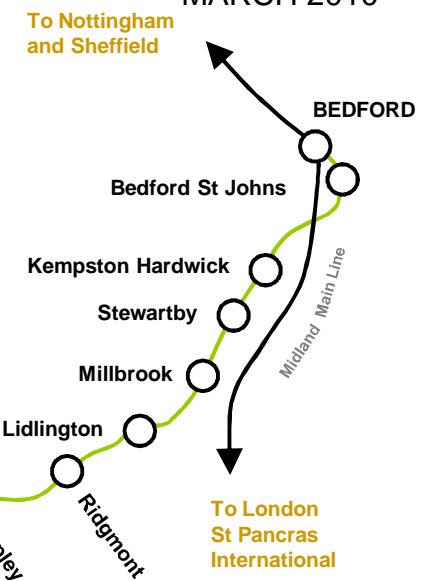
Provisional Timescales (subject to approval)

- 2010: Agree train service plan, Complete design and business case; Determine planning process.
- 2011: Prepare submission for DfT
- 2012: Funding framework agreed.
- 2012/3: Detailed Design and Procurement.
- 2014: Construction begins.
- 2016/17: Train services open.

To Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow



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Benefits

- A new national strategic freight route; In particular serving the growth of deep sea container freight from the Port of Southampton.
- Opportunities for new, faster Cross Country passenger services linking the South Western and Great Western Main Line networks with the Midland and East Coast Main Line networks.
- Supporting balanced housing and jobs growth in Oxfordshire and Milton Keynes-South Midlands (100,000 new homes, 100,000 new jobs).
- Improving the offer of Bicester, Aylesbury, Bedford, Milton Keynes, Oxford and Didcot Science Vale as locations for business. A faster, more convenient alternative to road for a wide range of inter-urban trips

For further information: www.eastwestrail.org.uk



East West Rail Western Section

An important new public transport link supporting sustainable growth in the Milton Keynes & Aylesbury Vale and Central Oxfordshire sub regions.

Proposed Timetable (Stopping patterns under review)

Oxford – Bedford

One semi-fast train every hour calling at Water Eaton Parkway¹, Islip², Bicester Town, Winslow, (Newton Longville), Bletchley and Bedford.

Fastest Journey time: 57 minutes

This service is likely to include two station stops between Bletchley and Bedford – locations under consideration.

Fastest Journey time: 22 minutes

Plus one stopping train every hour calling at all stations between Bletchley and Bedford

Fastest Journey time: 42 minutes

(existing service maintained)

Oxford – Milton Keynes

One stopping train every hour calling at Water Eaton Parkway¹, Islip², Bicester Town, Winslow, (Newton Longville), Bletchley and Milton Keynes.

Fastest Journey time: 47 minutes

Aylesbury – Milton Keynes

One stopping train every hour calling at Aylesbury Vale Parkway, Winslow, (Newton Longville), Bletchley and Milton Keynes.

Fastest Journey time: 33 minutes

Notes: 1. Subject to Chiltern Railways' timetable
2. Occasional stopping service

Environmental

- Environmental impact assessments will be carried out
- Class 172 trains are environmentally friendly with their low emissions
- Trains will reduce road traffic congestion
- Scheme will encourage more people to travel by train rather than by car

Funding

Likely to be a mix of public and private funding contributions.

Costs

Estimated Capital Cost of Scheme up to £200m (excludes cost of Oxford – Bicester section funded by Chiltern Railways)

East West Rail Consortium

- Aylesbury Vale Advantage
- Aylesbury Vale District Council
- Bedford Borough Council
- Buckinghamshire County Council
- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Cambridgeshire Horizons
- Central Bedfordshire Council
- Cherwell District Council
- East of England Development Agency
- East of England Regional Assembly
- Hertfordshire County Council
- Ipswich Borough Council
- Luton Borough Council
- Milton Keynes Council
- Milton Keynes Partnership
- Norfolk County Council
- North Herts. District Council
- Norwich City Council
- Oxford City Council
- Oxfordshire County Council
- Renaissance Bedford
- South East England Development Agency
- South East England Partnership Board
- South Oxfordshire District Council
- St. Edmundsbury Borough Council
- Suffolk County Council

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Where East Meets West

Welcome to East West Rail - a major project to establish a strategic railway connecting East Anglia with Central, Southern and Western England.

The Project

The complete East West Rail scheme comprises a rail route that will link Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge with Bedford, Milton Keynes, Bicester and Oxford, allowing connections to Swindon, the Thames Valley, South West England and South Wales, together with a spur to Aylesbury.

For much of the route the existing passenger and freight infrastructure will be used, although most sections of the route will require some upgrading.

The Consortium

The East West Rail Consortium was formed in 1995 and brings together local authorities and railway and regional stakeholders from across the South East and East of England.

