

A list of sample questions for EWR, taken from the Eversden Working Group

- Why have you not provided information, other than via specialist engineering drawings, about the local impact in South Cambridgeshire (in particular, the length and height of embankments, road crossings and severances)? It is completely unacceptable to only highlight those impacts that differentiate route choices, and not explain the important impacts that are common to all route choices. This particularly affects residents in South Cambs.
- Please confirm the impact of EWR's proposals for all roads between Cambourne and Harston? It is impossible for anyone locally to understand and therefore address - the impact of EWR's proposals on local communities without this information.
- Why have you still not provided a detailed analysis of the implications of the MRAO's siting for the route choice in this area? There is no evidence of work being done to provide any measure of confidence that the impacts can be mitigated, and as to what their costs might be.
- Is EWR's ambition in fact to disconnect communities? As proposed, EWR's railway line would seem to sever all local transport links other than already congested A roads. Thereby severing communities that have been linked for generations; severing children from their local schools and local amenities; greatly increasing car travel times and hugely complicating bus and school bus networks.
- How can we have any confidence that you are consulting in a conscientious way, and that you would conscientiously consider all representations, when you have demonstrably failed to do this in the past? There is no evidence whatsoever that local concerns about severing communities and local infrastructure impacts, expressed in the 2019 consultation and repeated in community engagement

exercises with local parish councils in 2020, have been taken on board in developing proposals for this area.

- What are the mitigations that you think will be adequate to protect the legally protected barbastelle bat colony in the Wimpole Woods SAC?
- When will you provide accessible information about all local impacts during THIS consultation exercise, when proposals are still (you say) at a formative stage - rather than during any later statutory consultation exercise or DCO application?
- Since this line must be freight capable (by design) and we know that it will carry freight, why does EWR continue to ignore the relevance of freight capability to route choice into/around Cambridge?
- What, if any, is the local community benefit between Cambourne Station and Cambridge South station?
- What are the anticipated passenger numbers and where are they going?
- Does it matter to AZ if people arrive at the south station via the north or south?
- Does freight really have to go through central Cambridge?
- Why are environmental issues being mitigated rather than avoided?
- Why have you separated the local villages in these live events? Comberton Toft Kingston and the Eversdens are all part of South Cambs, however we've been included with a large area to the west, thereby diluting our input.
- Why is the route not electrified from the outset?

- Why does the consultation fail to say whether minor roads, footpaths and bridleways will still be accessible?
- Do you think you have done enough research on the southern approach to arrive at your decision? If yes, do you not think that alternative approaches, specifically the northern approach, should be afforded the same research so it can be considered in parity?
- Journey benefits? From beyond Cambourne we can not access your route
- Are travellers more important to you than the residents your train will impact upon??
- Alignment option? No options from Eversden onward and only two options from Cambourne heading in a similar direction
- Fully consult rather than reassess. You don't ask someone taking an exam to mark their own work
- Public guided busway is at capacity so cannot serve the 10k homes proposed at Northstowe. This will be the biggest new town since Milton Keynes. Surely providing a station for the 12 mile commute from Northstowe into Cambridge should be THE priority for EWR?
- Buildings are not properly mentioned. You cannot include industrial buildings in as residential by saying properties also need to consider properties in proximity to the line- still hugely impacted
- You are engineering a 30ft embankment from Eversden to Harston. Why is this unacceptable in the north but fine in the south??
- Wetland engineering is not a new invention. Look at Holland where trenches are successfully used to run their trains

- Your comparison document does not include houses within 200m. Many more properties are affected in the south due to proximity.
- You mention only 1.1km of viaduct on the southern approach, but the plans show embankments running for several kilometres from the Eversdens to Haslingfield. Which of these figures is correct?
- Why is the largest housing development since Milton Keynes not being connected by the railway?
- Why is a Northern Approach from Cambourne to Cambridge being consistently dismissed out of hand when a viable proposal was put forward several years ago. This Northern Approach would cause less destruction to wildlife, serve a greater number of communities with a sustainable transport option and adversely impact fewer homes and communities.
- Why has the Northern Approach not been given the same detailed consideration and consultation as the Southern Approach.
- Why are all the “consultation” meetings via TEAMS effectively gagging residents?
- During the consultation meetings via TEAMS, residents are muted and our questions are invisible to all except the moderator employed by EWR. You repeatedly state that you want to hear the views of residents. But that same moderator then cherry picks the questions that are placed before the EWR panel. How can this be considered a fair public consultation?
- In the consultation meetings you state that unanswered questions will be answered via email. How are you going to do this when residents are not asked to supply their emails?
- Why are there no trains featured in your glossy consultation brochure?