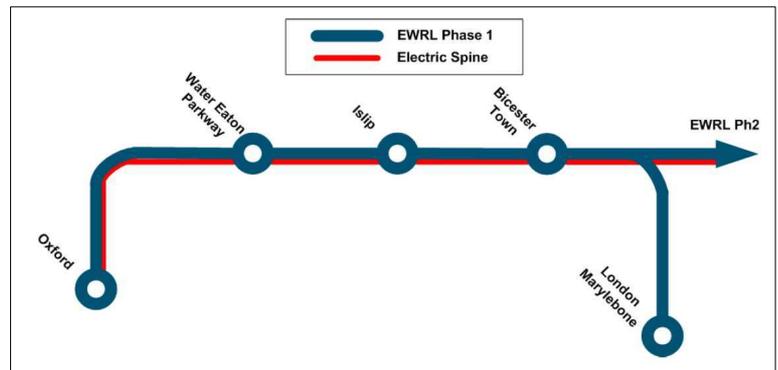


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PHASE ONE - OXFORD TO BICESTER TOWN

This section will deliver the benefits of a new station at Oxford Parkway (Water Eaton), upgrades to the current stations at Islip and Bicester Town and a new fast Chiltern Railways service between Oxford and London Marylebone by spring 2016.



Early work continues with archaeological investigations and vegetation clearance ongoing. Work to establish compounds along the route is being undertaken along with the replacement of a foot crossing with a footbridge at Tubbs Lane, Bicester.



Suppliers Appointed for Design and Construction

Carillion Buckingham Joint Venture has been announced as preferred bidder who will be awarded the contract for the detailed design and construction of rail track and infrastructure work. Siemens will be awarded the contract for signalling work.

Level Crossings

All but one level crossing have now been abolished. London Road level crossing in Bicester will remain and be upgraded to full barrier operation.

Environment

Great crested newts have been found in the MOD area resulting in all work ceasing until the newts can be removed in the summer. The work will be reprogrammed to minimise any impact on project completion. A badger sett has also been found in the area and a suitable location will be found so a replacement sett can be constructed.

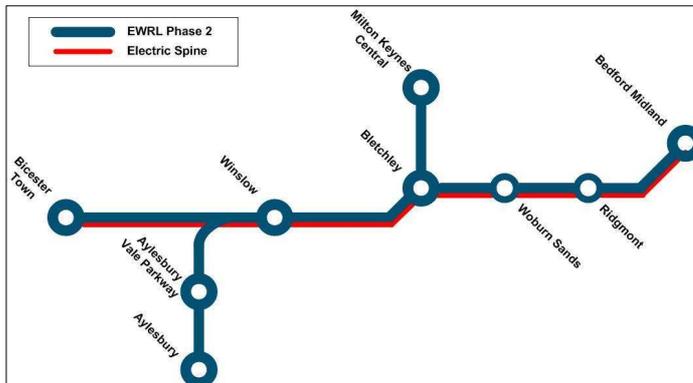
Replacement Bus Service Announced

Chiltern Railways have published a publicity leaflet detailing the rail replacement bus timetable between Bicester Town, Islip and Oxford starting on 15 February 2014. Details can be found on www.chilternrailways.co.uk



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PHASE TWO - BICESTER TO BEDFORD, MILTON KEYNES TO AYLESBURY

This section of the project covers the railway between Bicester and Bedford, Aylesbury and Milton Keynes including building a new station at Winslow and rebuilding the track between Claydon Junction and Bletchley.

Phase 2 Scope and Enhancements

Whilst the core East West Rail scheme (as defined in the Consortium prospectus) is well understood, it makes sense to construct the railway to meet future needs. An Industry Planning Group, which includes train and freight operators, Network Rail, EWR Consortium and Government representatives are currently looking at an enhanced scope for the project which is supported by all partners. It is an ongoing process and will be used to secure funding for a railway capable of meeting growing demand over the long term. This in turn will secure greater economic benefit for the region and reduce the risk of subsequent disruption in the future.

Network Rail will publish their delivery plan for the spending period April 2014 to March 2019 on 31st March which will include an outline programme and schedule for the delivery of East West Rail.

Vegetation Clearance



Vegetation clearance work to the mothballed section of track started w/c 20 January. This should take approximately 4 weeks to complete and will enable topographical surveys to be carried out. Local residents are being informed about the work by hand delivered letters. A press release has been issued to local papers and County and District ward councillors and parish councils informed.

Survey work to Bletchley viaduct will commence in February.

Railway Crossings

The crossings task force continues to have constructive discussions with the local authorities' Rights of Way officers and land owners to identify options for the closure or redirection of footbridges over the railway.

Where can I find out more?

If you would like to find out more about East West Rail and the benefits the project will bring please visit our website at www.eastwestrail.org.uk or contact our Communications team by email info@eastwestrail.org.uk or phone 07785 927 210.

