



Information Sheet

Proposed station at Steeple Claydon

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Introduction

This information sheet sets out the current situation regarding a potential station at Steeple Claydon, currently being advocated by local communities and Buckinghamshire County Council.

Background

The East West Rail project has been promoted by the East West Rail Consortium and subsequently adopted by the Department for Transport for delivery by March 2019 by Network Rail. The project involves the reconstruction and upgrading of currently mothballed or underused railway line between Bedford and Oxford, Milton Keynes and Aylesbury in order to introduce passenger and freight train services between Bedford and Oxford, Milton Keynes and Aylesbury and beyond.

Steeple Claydon is located along the East West Rail route and is adjacent to the proposed site of a future High Speed 2 (HS2) Infrastructure Maintenance Depot (IMD). This could also serve as the site of a construction depot whilst HS2 is being built.

As part of the East West Rail scheme promoted by the Consortium, no station was planned at Steeple Claydon. However, there is an aspiration from the local community and Buckinghamshire County Council for a station to be built in the Steeple Claydon area on the East West Rail route to support transport links serving HS2's proposed IMD. A number of petitions to the HS2 hybrid bill committee have been made in support of the provision of a new station.

To assist the petition process, the local community supported by local authorities are looking to take forward some basic research to inform an outline business case.

Currently, Buckinghamshire County Council with Steeple Claydon Parish Council have indicated a preferred location adjacent to the Queen Catherine Road level crossing given its proximity to the outer edge of the IMD and accessibility for the local community.

What is Network Rail's position?

Network Rail will be looking to make 'passive provision' proposals for a station at the proposed Queen Catherine Road location. This is specified by the Department for Transport and supported by the East West Rail Consortium.



This means that whilst the addition of the station is not currently in the scope of the East West Rail project, technical provision will be made to enable a station to be built at the proposed location should funding be agreed in the future.

Next Steps

Network Rail has recently appointed a consultant, Parsons Brinkerhoff, to carry out the design and development work needed to take the East West Rail project forward. This includes timetable modelling, producing signalling and track designs and developing the ecology and environmental requirements for the project.

As part of their work during 2015, Parsons Brinkerhoff will carry out a technical feasibility assessment for the provision of a station at the Queen Catherine Road location. This will be with a view to developing the location in such a way that if a station was to be later specified and funded it could be built without compromising the wider East West Rail design, such as ensuring that no changes would be needed to signalling and track arrangements and so minimising cost and disruption.

Enquiries and Further Information

For further information about East West Rail and to subscribe for general updates by email, please visit our website www.eastwestrail.org.uk

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