East-West Rail Update

East-West Rail is coming to our local area.

This proposed new railway line linking Bedford to Cambridge will complete the route between Oxford and Cambridge. Construction is due to begin in 2025.

Route E has been chosen following Stage 1 public consultation through local public events and route analysis. The choice of route E will directly impact Renhold and surrounding villages as it comes North out of Bedford station and continues towards the A1 and a new station. The preferred route will be somewhere within the red area on the map below.

The next stage, <u>Stage 2 will be developing route alignment options</u>, in other words, where will the railway line go. The possible routes will be publicised early in 2021.

There will be <u>more public events</u> to ensure we all have our say as Renhold will be directly affected.

It is very important that we all ensure our views and feelings are heard and listened to.

Please <u>take time to attend the events</u> - more details to follow when we have them. They may be held remotely but we will ensure as many people as possible can join and have their views heard.

<u>Renhold Parish Council will support the local community as much as possible</u> to ensure our voices are heard and the best possible outcome is secured for Renhold and our neighbours.



