

## Meeting: BBC/ EWR Meeting

**Held on: 04/06/2025**

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**Location: Microsoft Teams**

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**Attendees:**

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Richard Starkey (RS) – Bedford Stakeholder Lead, EWR Co  
Mo Alserdare (MA) – Bedford Development Programme Manager, EWR Co  
Veronika Mora (VM) – Bedford Project Manager, EWR Co  
Graeme Stewart (GS) – Programme Sponsor, EWR Co  
Jon Franklin-Ferrar (JFF) – Bedford Area Design Lead, EWR Co  
Joanna Branson-Budd (JBB) – Head of Capital Products, Sustainable Travel and Infrastructure, BCC  
Paulina Wawrejko (PW), Bedford Stakeholder Support, EWR Co  
Sam Fox (SF) – Interim Chief Officer for Planning, BBC  
Carolyn Barnes (CB) – Planning Team, BBC  
Paul Pace (PP) - Service Director, Public Realm, Highways & Waste Management, BBC

Meeting objectives: to provide an overview and update on Bedford St John's design options.

## Meeting minutes:

Item	Text	Action
1.	Introductions	
2.	GS shared presentation on Bedford Hospital design options.	
3.	Option 1a: DD5.1B station layout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Side platform arrangement</li> <li>Primary station entrance to the west of the rail line</li> <li>Pick up/ drop off (PUDO) and MSCP also to west of line. PUDO doubles as access point into car park</li> </ul>	
4.	Option 1b: This option considers the station design in relation to the hospital masterplan. Updates to the Option 1A design captured within the Option 1B design: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Station entrance, facilities and overbridge flipped</li> <li>Footprint of car park reduced to avoid clash with Elective Care facility</li> <li>Pick up/ drop off (PUDO) moved to east of rail line</li> </ul>	
5.	Option 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Latest hospital masterplan is considered within this option</li> <li>Island platform arrangement; station entered from new active travel route across the rail line that is aligned between the proposed Elective Care and Medical Care hospital buildings</li> <li>Pick up/ drop off (PUDO) to east of rail line (accessed from Melbourne Street)</li> <li>Multi-storey car park located to east of rail line, accessed from Ampthill Road (Level 1) and Melbourne Street (Ground Floor). Ampthill Road to be widened to accommodate queuing traffic entering/ exiting the car park</li> </ul>	
6.	JBB noted that it would be beneficial to have a joint meeting with the BBC, EWR Co and Bedford Hospital. EWR Co agreed. Action: RS to organise a joint meeting with BBC and Bedford Hospital in the next two weeks.	1
7.	GS summarised his last meeting with Bedford Hospital and explained that the hospital is open to reducing parking provisions on site as long as they are provided elsewhere, such as 500 spots on site and 500 spots at the Elstow Park and Ride.	

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8.	CB joined the meeting.	
9.	SF stated that the hospital would like a more holistic look at car spaces which could benefit the overall traffic problem in Bedford.	
10.	CB asked if any actions are happening from the Connection Stage 3 meeting which was facilitated by Economic Heartland England. Action – GS will look at the meeting and see what is going on with the actions/ how they align with EWR Co.	2
11.	JBB asked whether presentation slides can be shared with BBC. GS agreed to send presentation slides but noted that all slides are confidential. Action: GS to send presentation slides to attendees.	3
12.	JBB asked if there was an update on bridge work on Cauldwell Street. MA noted that it will take 4-6 weeks to provide an update but reassured attendees that it is looking like a positive change rather than a negative change.	

## Action log:

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1. RS to organise a joint meeting with BBC and Bedford Hospital in the next two weeks.	EWR Co - RS
2. GS will look at the Economic Heartland Connection Stage 3 meeting and see what is going on with the actions/ how they align with EWR Co.	EWR Co - GS
3. GS to send presentation slides to attendees.	EWR Co - GS