

<b>Project:</b>	East West Rail 2 Marston Vale Line Acceleration (EWR2 MVLA)		
<b>Subject:</b>	Local Planning Authority, East West Rail Alliance and Network Rail Consents session		
<b>Date and time:</b>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 – 2PM	<b>Meeting no:</b>	02
<b>Meeting place:</b>	Network Rail offices, The Quadrant, Milton Keynes	<b>Minutes by:</b>	Jessica Rehan

**Attendees:**

Name	Initials	Company	Role
Ed Mason	EM	East West Rail Alliance	Development Manager
Elizabeth Verdegem	EV	Milton Keynes City Council	Team Leader (Strategic Team) - Development Manager
Jessica Rehan	JR	East West Rail Alliance	Consents Manager
John Kell	JK	Bedford Borough Council	Senior Transport Policy Officer
Kate Sharkey	KS	East West Rail Alliance	Stakeholder Engagement & Comms
Nathan Makwana	NM	Milton Keynes City Council	Planning Officer
Rebecca Flisher	RF	East West Rail Alliance	Assistant Planner
Steve Ricks	SR	East West Rail Alliance	Consents Lead

**Apologies:**

Name	Initials	Company	Role
Edmund Waddelove	EW	Network Rail	Senior Sponsor
Gavin Chinniah	GC	Bedford Borough Council	Head of Planning and Building Control
Joanne Branson-Budd	JBB	Bedford Borough Council	Head of Capital Projects, Infrastructure and Sustainable Travel
Tom Daw	TD	Network Rail	Sponsor

Item		Due by	Responsible
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Agenda</b>		
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• Purpose of the meeting</li> <li>• Background and scheme overview</li> <li>• Memorandum of Understanding and Planning Performance Agreement</li> <li>• Look forward – Programme, next 6 months</li> <li>• AOB</li> </ul>	Note	Note
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background and Scheme overview</b>		
2.1	JR presented the scheme overview for East West Rail Marston Vale Line Acceleration (MVLA), previously referred to as Connection Stage 2 (CS2).	Note	Note



	EW to share scope split between EWR2 MVLA and East West Rail Company Connection Stage 3	EW	11/11/2025
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)</b>		
3.1	Each Local Authority to update authority directory.	EV and JBB	28/10/2025
3.2	<p>Work in Kind agreement to be determined by the DfT. Network Rail Sponsorship team (EW) leading on these discussions and to provide an update.</p> <p>GC previously confirmed that there are opportunities for BBC to review and comment on planning conditions whilst the PPA is being agreed between all parties.</p>	<p>EW</p> <p>Note</p>	<p>11/11/2025</p> <p>Note</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Application payments</b>		
4.1	<p>To submit an application to discharge a condition to each of Local Authorities, East West Rail Alliance will need to either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pay a statutory fee</li> <li>2. Agree a pre-app or PPA</li> </ol>	Note	Note
4.2	<p>RF to issue specification for potential PPA requirements.</p> <p>MKCC, BBC, CBC to provide a quote from the specification.</p>	<p>RF</p> <p>EV, JBB</p>	<p>28/10/25</p> <p>04/11/25</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Look forward – Discharge of TWAO Conditions</b>		
5.1	<p>Reviewed the TWAO Conditions discharge programme (included in attached presentation).</p> <p>The following applications will be submitted in the next four weeks:</p> <p><b>BBC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Condition 6 - Fencing</li> <li>• Condition 9b - Archaeology</li> <li>• Condition 14a - Overarching surface water drainage assessment</li> </ul> <p><b>MKCC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Condition 6 – Fencing</li> </ul> <p><b>CBC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Condition 6 - Fencing</li> <li>• Condition 9b – Archaeology</li> <li>• Condition 13(ii) – Flood risk assessment phasing</li> <li>• Condition 14a - Overarching surface water drainage assessment</li> </ul>	<p>Note</p> <p>RF</p>	<p>Note</p> <p>31/10/25</p>

5.3	Communication with public/lineside neighbours – strategy to be shared with Local Authorities.	JR/KS	11/11/25
5.4	RF to email Local Authority point of contact when an application is issued via the portal.	RF	Ongoing
<b>6.0</b>	<b>BFO1B (for MKCC only)</b>		
6.1	Part 18 prior approvals application to be submitted to MKCC early January 2026.	Note	Note
	EV confirmed NW will be the case officer for this approval.	Note	Note
	Draft application to be shared with MKCC prior to final submission.	Note	Note
	RF to share the EWRA interpretation of validation and description development for BFO1B.	RF	31/10/25
	EV queried the appearance of the structure; JR confirmed the current plan is a like-for-like replacement.	Note	Note
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Engagement process and points of contact</b>		
7.1	Meetings to be held face-to-face every four weeks. Invites issued by RF.	Note	Note

<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2025
<b>Distribution:</b>	All invited
<b>Date Issued:</b>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2025