Meeting: EWR LA Forum Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 25 February (15:00 – 16:30)

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

Attendees:

Bedford Borough Council:

- Nicola Gribble (NG)

Also representatives from:

- Central Bedfordshire Council
- Milton Keynes Council
- Cambridgeshire County Council
- England's Economic Heartland
- Greater Cambridge Shared Planning
- Oxfordshire County Council
- Oxford City Council
- Huntingdonshire District Council
- South Cambridgeshire District Council
- Cherwell District Council

Also representatives from EWR Co.

Meeting summary:

1. **Welcome:** Attendees were welcomed to the forum and received updates on project development, recent engagement activity, consultation planning, land and property work, and upcoming opportunities for stakeholder involvement.
2. **EWR Update:** East West Rail provided an overview of recent Design Update Sessions, preparations for the forthcoming consultation, and ongoing engagement with landowners and local authorities. Discussions highlighted the importance of maintaining effective communication with local authority officers, elected members and communities as the project progresses.
3. **Engagement Update:** Updates were provided on stakeholder engagement activities across the route, future engagement frameworks, issues tracking arrangements and data-sharing improvements. The discussion focused on developing collaborative ways of working, supporting information exchange and ensuring continued engagement with local authorities throughout project development.
4. **Close:** The meeting concluded with confirmation that engagement and collaboration with local authorities will continue through future forums, working groups and regular project updates.

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