Meeting: Traffic and Transport Forum – March 2026

Held on: 11/03/2026

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Bedford Borough Council:

- John Kell (JK) – Senior Transport Policy Officer
- Melanie McGuinness (MMG) – Manager for Transport Policy, Infrastructure and Highways Development
- Peter Simons (PS) – Senior Officer (Transport Policy)
- Andrew Prigmore (AP) – Manager for Traffic Operations
- Verity Quinn (VQ) – Representative of England's Economic Heartland & Bedford Borough Council

Other representatives from:

- National Highways (NH)
- Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)
- Cherwell District Council (CDC)
- Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)
- Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC)
- England's Economic Heartland (EEH)
- Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCSPS)
- Buckinghamshire Council (BC)
- Active Travel England (ATE)
- Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC)

Also representatives from EWR Co

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Meeting summary:

1. **Introductions**: EWR Co welcomed all attendees and presented a safety moment.
2. **Actions from previous meeting and programme update:** EWR Co provided an update on the actions from previous meetings, and briefing sessions have been arranged with each stakeholder to address queries on mode share assumptions and station demand data.
3. **T&T Forum Terms of Reference (ToR)**: EWR Co provided an overview of the ToR document. Technical meeting materials will be issued to stakeholders two weeks in advance of applicable engagement events going forward.
4. **Programme Update:** EWR Co presented the programme update (see meeting slide deck for key points).
5. **Transport Requirements to inform the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG):** EWR Co explained the approach to SoCGs (see meeting slide deck for key points).
6. **AOB**

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