

## News from Fulbourn Forum for community action

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Dear All,

### **East West Rail Consultation for Proposed Train Care Centre (TCC) located between Teversham Road and Wilbraham Road, Fulbourn Saturday 25 April, 10.30am to 2.30pm at the Fulbourn Centre, Home End**

All properties in Fulbourn should have received notification through the letterbox from East West Rail (EWR) of the above consultation. The purpose of this email is to encourage everyone to visit the event this Saturday, to take time to understand the details of the proposals and the likely implications for Fulbourn, and to respond with your comments.

Please find attached a little more information about the proposals including a map. Unfortunately, some of the detail is difficult to read due the font and illustration size - a good reason to visit the consultation event. This proposal, situated just north of Fulbourn village and the Cambridge to Newmarket railway line, would be a major industrial incursion into the countryside and Green Belt in the parish of Fulbourn. It is understood that the proposals will result in the need to dual the railway line from Cambridge. A new siding would begin just after the Teversham Road level crossing leading to the Train Care Centre, with a minimum of six sidings plus a building for welfare, storage, and other facilities. Traffic access to the TCC would appear to be either from near the blind corner on Wilbraham Road at the junction with the access to Queen's Farm, or through the existing industrial park just past the Station Road/Wilbraham Road level crossing.

#### **We would draw your attention to a number of points for consideration:**

- The train access line to the care centre would impact the chalk stream emanating from Poor Well.
- The proposed train washing facility will be located immediately behind the new housing
- development at Farehurst Park. Where will the dirty water be discharged to?
- Will the land on which the TCC is located need to be raised to the level of the existing railway.
- We are in a water stressed area. What will be the water demand of the facility.
- What will be the increase in train movements over a 24 hour period?
- New housing is currently under construction adjacent to the railway line. The planning permission
- for these developments did not envisage any significant increase in train traffic.

- At what times of day and night will the facility be operational?
- How many staff will work at the facility? What will be the traffic impact on the village?
- Train toilets will be emptied and cleaned here. How and where will the waste be disposed to?
- What is the demand for large/heavy vehicles to access the facility, coming through Fulbourn and Wilbraham?
- What will be the ambient noise generated by the facility both day and night.
- What will be the night-time light pollution from the site?
- It has been suggested by EWR that 'interventions' may be required at the three Fulbourn level crossings. What might this entail?
- The woodland running along the northern side of the railway line up to Cox's Drive will be lost.
- There could be archaeological considerations on this site.
- Will the proposed hybrid battery-electric trains require overhead electric lines to Fulbourn?
- Might full electrification be deemed necessary in the future?
- Might there be short-term use of diesel trains to begin with?
- Will car parking for train drivers be required.

Many of you will have other questions. If possible, do please visit the consultation to fully understand the implications of this proposal before responding. The consultation ends on 9 June 2026, so there is no need to respond on the day.

There will be another consultation event on 21 May, 11am to 6.00pm at the Cledara Abbey Stadium in Newmarket Road.

Please feel free to forward this email to others who may not have been notified. We understand that the Wilbrahams and Teversham have not received the publicity postcard from EWR.

Best wishes,

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