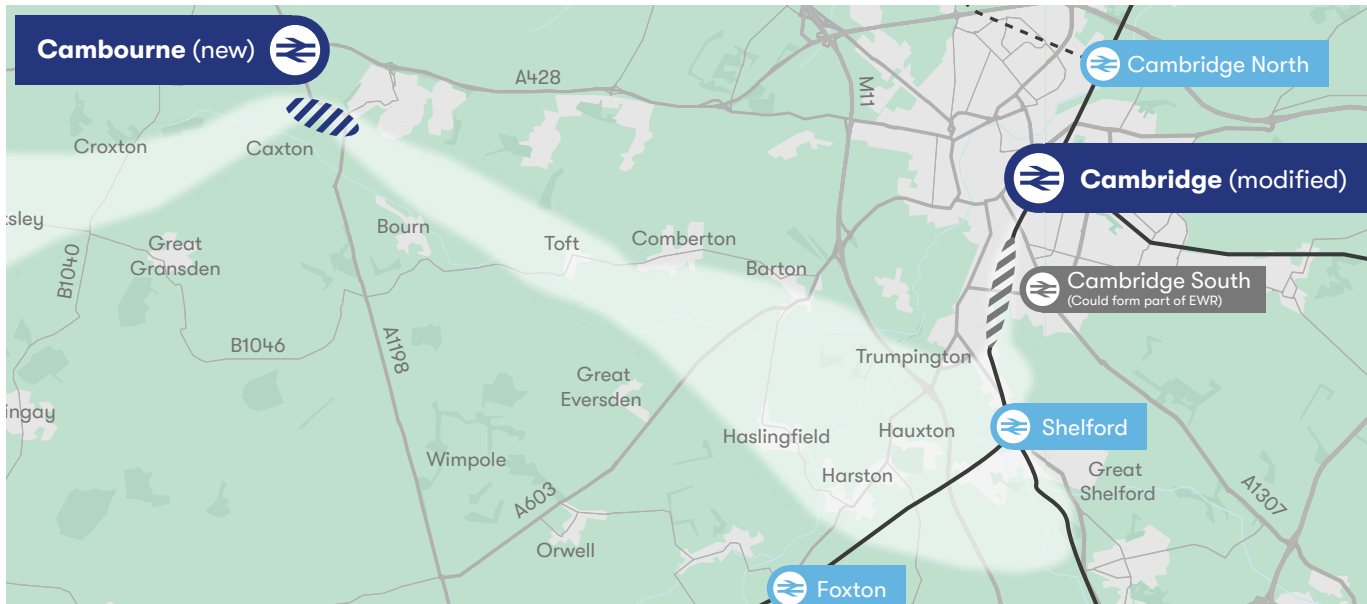


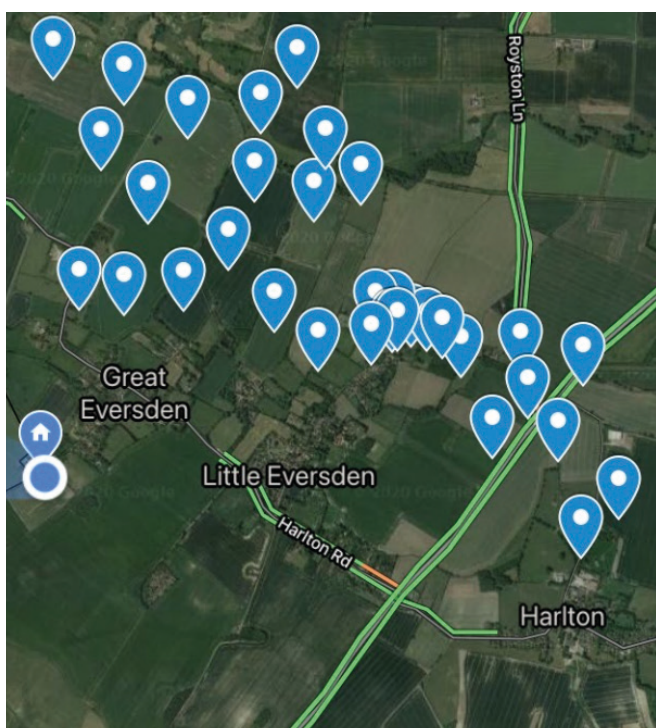
Eversden Freight line Update

EWR confirmed route E at the beginning of the year as part of their consultation phase as highlighted below. This is a narrow corridor from Caxton to Great Shelford pushed closer to Eversden due to the proximity of the observatory within the selected route.



The Government has confirmed their financial backing for the EWR scheme as of 25/11/20.

Surveys have been carried out in the local area and by plotting where these surveys and survey requests have been we can assume which route EWR are considering taking. As you can see on this plotted map from Cambridge Approaches the route looks to be coming down behind Little Eversden and particularly close to Lowfields.



Why is this a problem?

This diesel track will not only be a commuter line but have huge freight capabilities. The 2013 Network Rail Freight Market Study shows that in 2024 there is an aspiration for freight services from the Port of Felixstowe to increase to 47 freight trains per day in each direction, rising to 59 freight trains in both directions by 2033 - Please note if this was realised, freight trains would mainly run at night and we can take an educated guess at approx 3 trains per hour if they were running 11pm-5am.

EWR have not consulted on this. Diesel freight trains are a slow moving ½ mile long carriage system loaded with shipping containers, this is more suited to an existing travel corridor option than open countryside and passing small village communities.

What is the alternative option?

CamBed RailRoad created an alternative route option known as a Northern Approach as it connects via the north Cambridge station – full details can be found on their website cambedrailroad.org

Why a Northern Approach?

A northern approach keeps this busy commuter and freight route to an already existing travel corridor, it links from the north of Cambourne serving the large existing population and the future expansion plans, it would then travel to the north of Cambridge connecting the new and growing Northstowe and also links in with the proposed light rail and guided bus plans. It would also still access the south station connecting Addenbrookes and the Bio Campus.

We, along with other local Parishes, Cambridge Approaches and CamBed RailRoad, believe that the current route E is not a suitable option for many reasons. We are asking people to write to their local **councils and MPs** as it really makes the difference using some key points that we have put together for you.

- Route E is not using the existing travel corridor of the A428 and connecting with proposed upgrades, light rail and guided bus.
- The consultation did not include a northern approach into Cambridge so this wasn't offered as an option to support.
- Route E does not connect the existing and growing settlements from St Neots, Cambourne & Northstowe.
- The environmental effects of a diesel train coming across our countryside including diesel pollution concerns and noise.
- Route E will destroy the wildlife habitat including the protected Barbastelle bats.
- Local roads will no longer be passable, specifically the minor road linking us to Toft and Comberton.
- We request a pause before the next consultation so a Northern Approach can be considered with a joined up process including new proposed infrastructure.

People to write to:

You can create one email and cc in each additional email address.

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Mayor James Palmer : **james.palmer@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk**

Councillor Aidan Van de Weyer: **cllr.vandeweyer@scambs.gov.uk**

Anthony Browne MP: **anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk**

Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Transport: **shappsg@parliament.uk**

Questions? Please email ewr.correspondence@gmail.com or call 07968 807 140.

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Secondary to writing your letter we are asking you to show support to the CBRR petition which calls for proper consideration of the Northern Route into Cambridge– Search “**CamBedRailRoad**” on **www.change.org**

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