



CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

East West Rail Station at Cambourne

Questionnaire

The current survey is due to be closed at the end on the 28TH March 2021
The Survey Monkey questionnaire started quite strongly, but has slowed recently we have put a reminder in the March edition of the Crier and regularly refresh the news section on the Website and our Face book pages.

As of 25th February 2021

446 responses (168 Web & 278 Facebook)

Mainly Cambourne, but some from surrounding Villages including Elsworth.

Q1 91% yes, 6.5% no and 2.5% no opinion. (station in Cambourne).

Q2 70% North, 13% South and 17% no preference (location of Cambourne station).

Q7 42% North, 29% South and 29% no preference (location of Cambridge station).

A fuller report on the full Questionnaire will be available after the survey closes on the 28TH March 2021.

An email has been received in relation to the Survey Monkey questionnaire and concern over delaying the delivery of the Cambourne Station this is attached and the Town Clerks response.

Letter to Local Parish Councils

As of 25th February 2021

41 Councils were sent the EWR letter, 25 Councils towards Cambridge and 16 towards St Neots.

We have had 20 responses, 4 of those are still to be discussed at Council meetings in March and February.

All responses so far have been in support of a station to the north of Cambourne with the majority also wanting our support for a northern route to Cambridge.

Only one Council has responded that they feel they do not have enough information to make an informed decision.

A fuller report on the responses from the letter will be available for the Council meeting on 6th April 2021.

It is

RECOMMENDED to receive the report.

Resident Comment regarding East West Rail

Subject

Cambourne Railway Station

Message

I am disappointed with your survey as it gives no opportunity to make any comment on your misguided attempt to challenge the route which has been arrived at by previous consultations over several years. Cambourne needs the new rail link urgently. Funding has been agreed for the first part of the Oxford-Cambridge link. It is important that whilst the government is giving support to the link that funding for the Bedford to Cambridge section be agreed before there is a change of heart. Any action which adds delay is unhelpful to the principle aim of getting a rail link.

The area proposed for the station looks sensible to me. A dual carriageway link to the Caxton Gibbet roundabout would provide an easy access from the A428 to the station. The Lower Cambourne roundabout on the A1198 already is effectively a transport hub as all bus routes pass through it. At some point in the future the existing buses could be enhanced by a purely local service from the station through Lower Cambourne, Great Cambourne to Upper Cambourne.

To have the station north of the A428 would require 2 bridges across the A428 - the northerly approach to Cambridge has been discounted following the previous consultation. To reopen that discussion would delay the project and would put it at risk should the government priority change.

Please give full support to the early start of the rail service through Cambourne and work out how best to fit in with the existing proposals.

On 17/02/2021 11:10, clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk wrote:

Phil

Thank you for your email.

The Town Council recently held a meeting with East West Rail regarding the location of a Station in Cambourne. At the meeting there was a discussion on the location of the station and consideration of the options. They informed us that they would be carrying out a consultation in the spring around the new route from Bedford to Cambridge. They said considering a south and north options at this time would not delay the provision of the rail link. EWR have been approached by a large number of parishes, District Council and the MP around the location of the station so we are not a lone voice in asking for the northern route to be considered. The reason for the survey is to get the residents opinions so the Town Council can take this into account when EWR carry out their consultation on the route in the spring.

John Vickery

Cambourne Town Clerk

Hi John,

Thank you for your reply. Please assure me that my comments will be put in front of the Town Council with my reminder of the importance of getting funding for the rail service between Bedford and Cambridge agreed whilst the government is still enthusiastic about improving rail services. The work must be seen as an extension of the already approved work for the service from Oxford to Bedford. It is important not to go back over work which has already reached a conclusion over routing.

Kind regards,

Phil