



East West Rail

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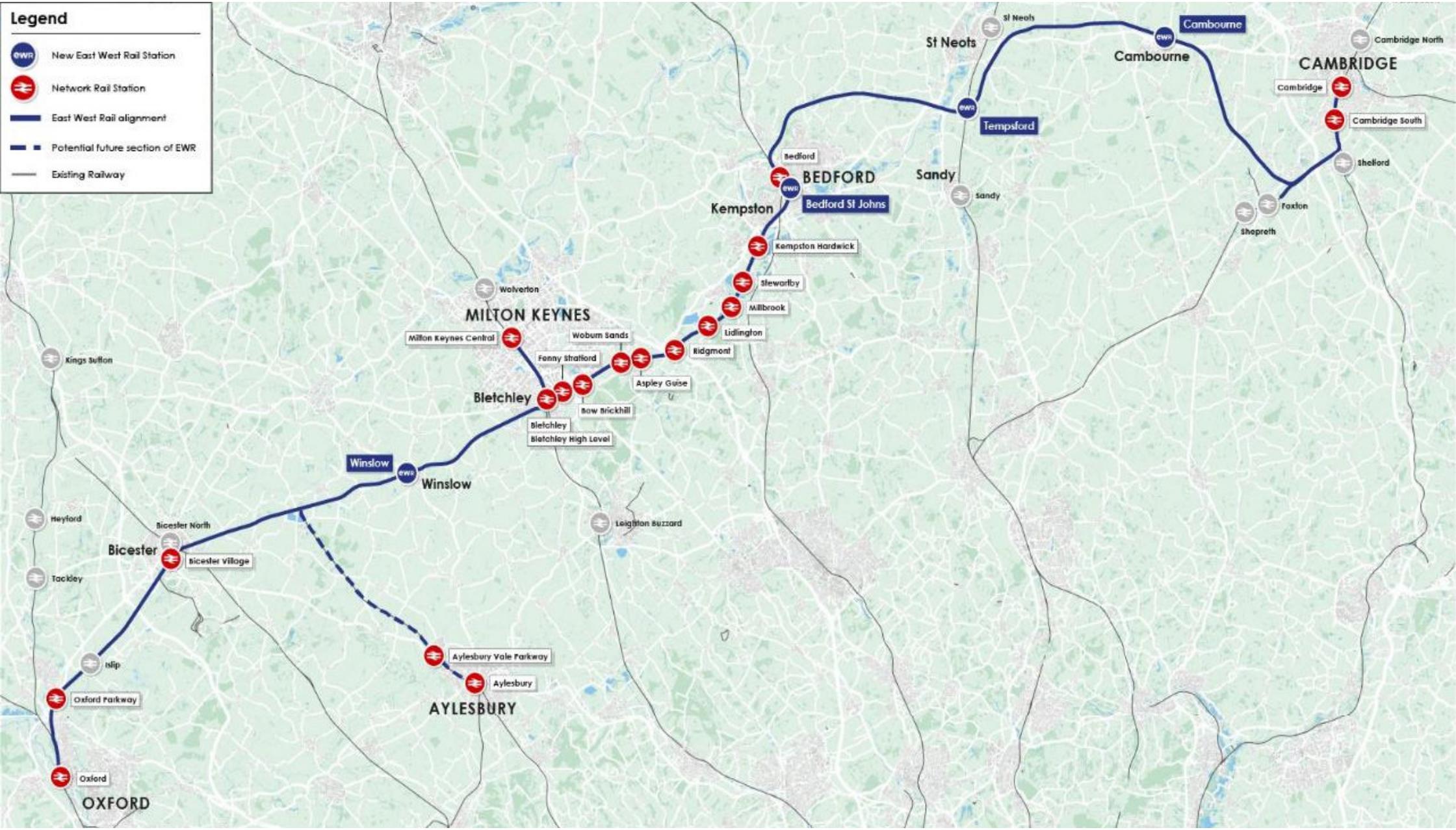
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Legend

-  New East West Rail Station
-  Network Rail Station
-  East West Rail alignment
-  Potential future section of EWR
-  Existing Railway



East West Railway Company Ltd

- Evolving role and scope since 2017
- Special Purpose Delivery Vehicle
- Working closely with NR / GBR



What is EWR for?

1. Unlocking growth for the whole of the UK
2. Delivering inclusive, sustainable growth for everyone



Benefits of EWR

Cut travel times and bring more jobs within reach of local people

Open up new areas for businesses to grow

Spread prosperity across the region

Improve quality of life

Ease congestion and open up new journeys

Provide a greener way to travel



Environment & Biodiversity

• Environment and sustainability

- At the heart of everything we do
- We have aligned our nine environmental principles with ten of the UN Sustainability Development Goals



Biodiversity

- 10% biodiversity net gain
- 20 Ecological Compensation Sites (ECS) on CS1
- 45 ponds, badger setts, over 70 bat boxes
- Planted more than 150,000 plants and trees



Powering the trains

Supporting government's commitments for net zero

Overhead electrified railway

Discontinuous or full electrification are both options

Battery-electric multiple units (BEMU) trains



Freight

East West Rail's primary purpose is to provide connectivity between communities and support economic growth as a passenger service. Noting that freight already runs on sections of our route, the government has asked us to consider how we:

- Maintain existing freight services that already run through commuter hubs including Oxford, Bicester, Marston Vale and Bedford
- Plan for increased future freight demand to enable wider economic growth
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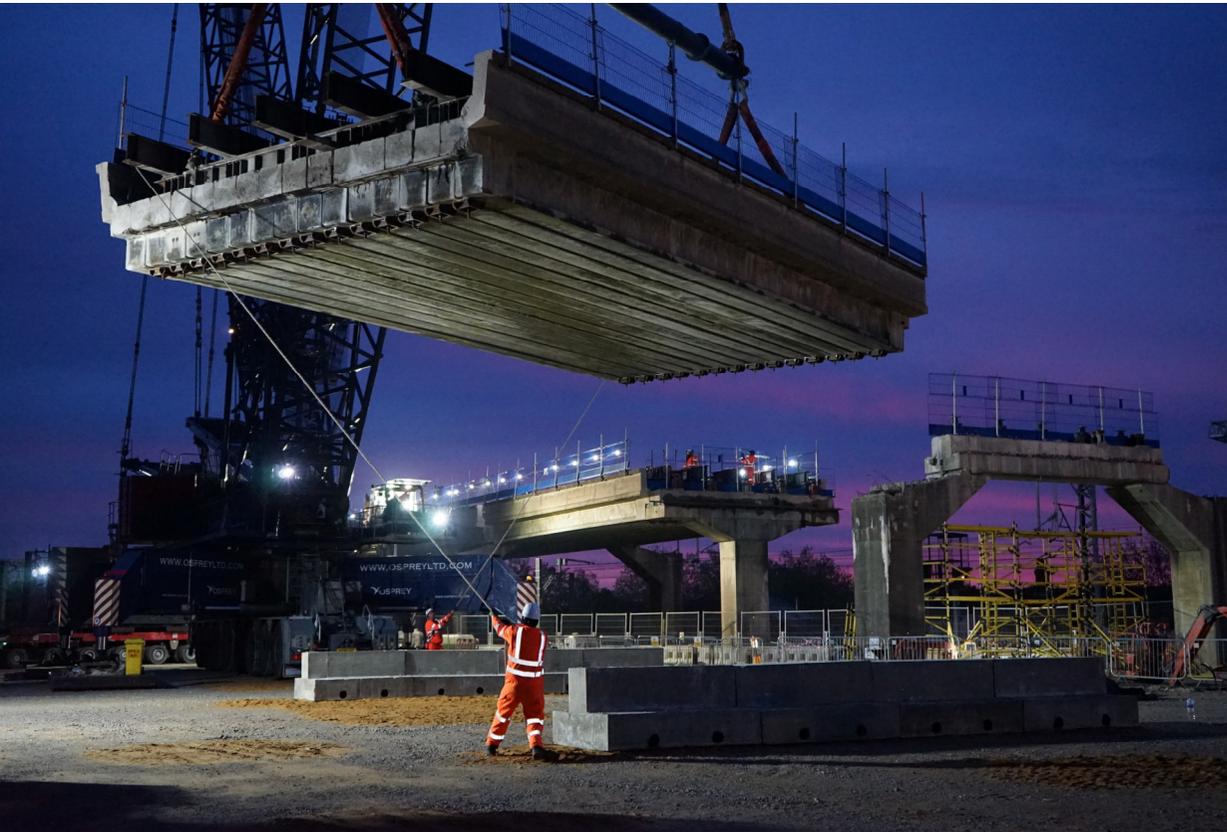
Connection Stage 1

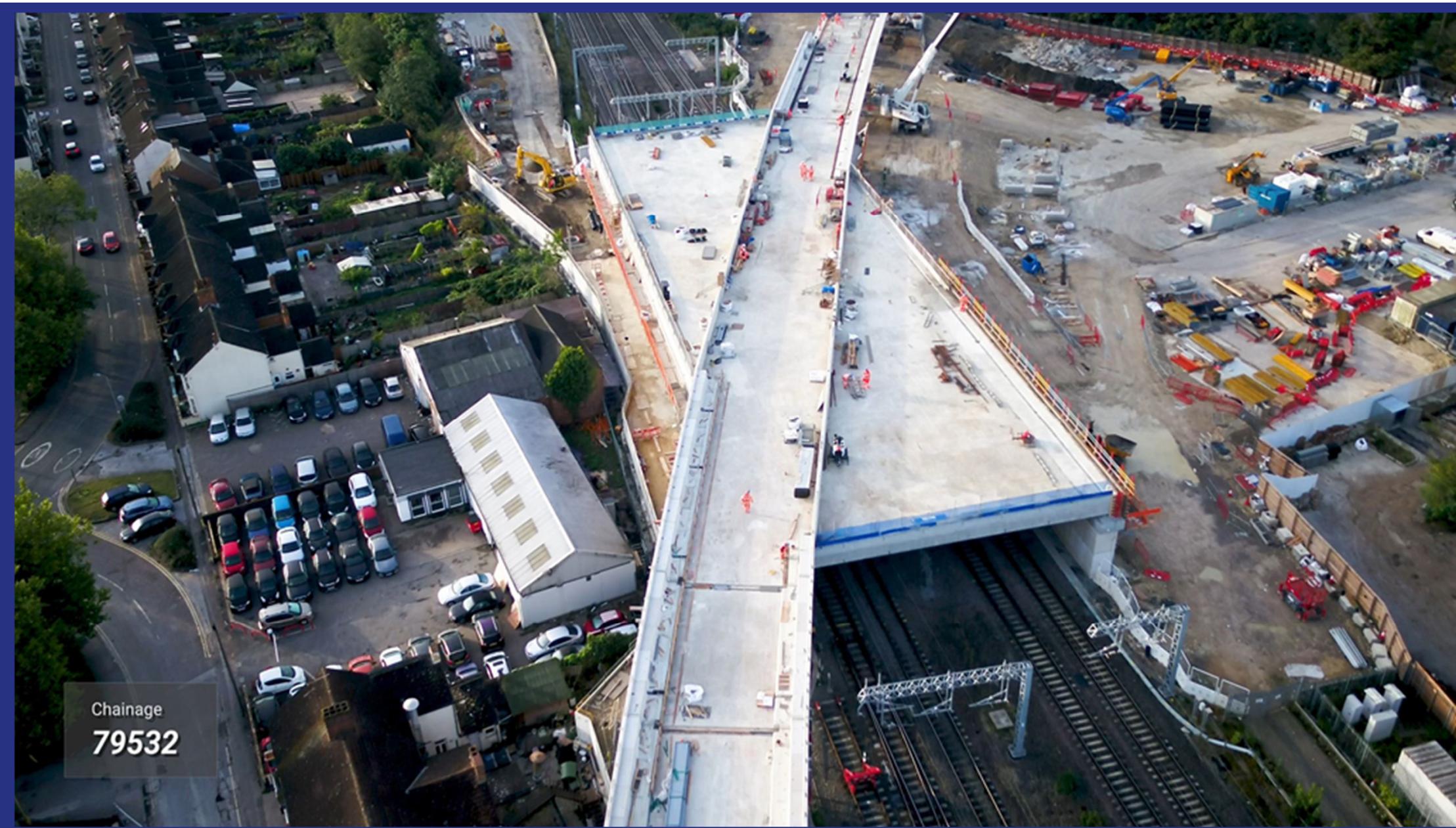
- Track works fully complete
- Test trains have commenced
- Entry into service 2025
- 99,320 railway sleepers
- 267,266 tonnes of ballast



Bletchley Flyover

- Dismantling & rebuild of 14 existing spans from original structure – weighing up to 300 tonnes
- Innovative precast concrete shell abutments used to build 90-metre long structure adjacent to operational railway
- 103 beams installed over WCML over May bank holiday weekend 2022





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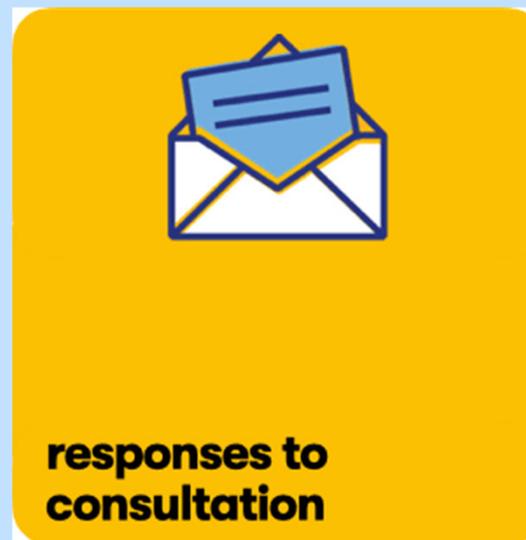
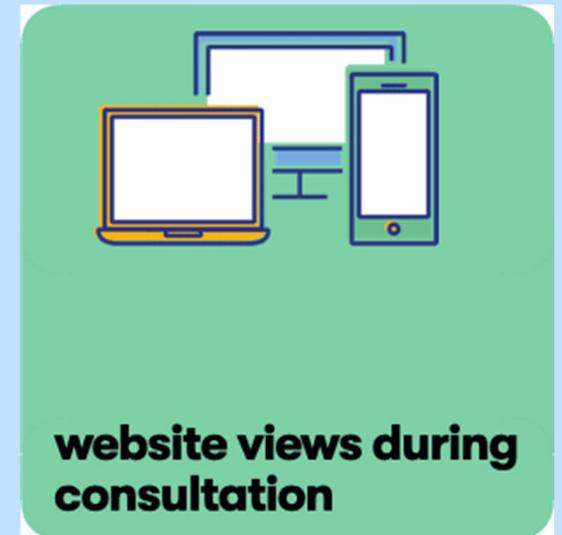
Connection Stage 2

- £240m to accelerate Oxford to Bedford services
- Upgrades to the Marston Vale Line
- Introduction by 2030



Non-statutory consultation 2024

- 16 in-person events
- 3 online events
- 24 / 7 virtual consultation room
- Plans available at information points across the route



Key documents – From now until DCO application

