

East West Rail Phase 2

Bletchley Construction Works

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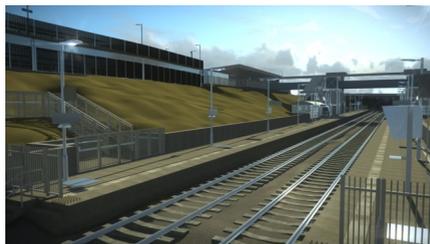
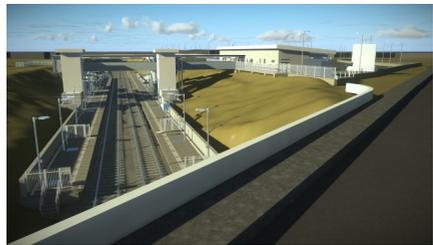


East West Rail Project

East West Rail will re-establish a direct rail link, connecting communities between Oxford and Cambridge and will improve connections between East Anglia, Central, Southern, and Western England.

East West Rail is being built in phases:

- Phase 1 which was completed in December 2016 upgraded track and signalling between Oxford and Bicester and provided a link to the Chiltern Main Line enabling trains to travel from Oxford via Bicester Village to London Marylebone.
- Phase 2 will reinstate and upgrade old railway lines, allowing new train services to run from Oxford to Milton Keynes, Oxford to Bicester and Milton Keynes to Aylesbury. It will create a new station at Winslow, build two new platforms at Bletchley, install new over-bridges, a number of new footbridges or subways, and make changes to several railway crossings.
- Phase 3 is currently being developed by the East West Railway Company and will provide the railway link from Bedford to Cambridge. For further information on this stage please contact EWR Company at: [**contact@eastwestrail.co.uk**](mailto:contact@eastwestrail.co.uk)



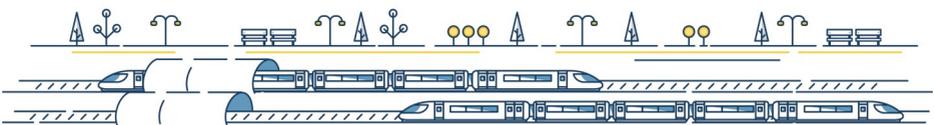
East West Rail Alliance – who are we?

The EWR Alliance was established in 2015 to deliver the construction of East West Rail Phase 2 and consists of four partners: Atkins, Laing O'Rourke, Network Rail and VolkerRail.



Bletchley high level station

As part of our work we will be constructing two new high level platforms which will be fully accessible to all and connected to the existing station concourse by a new footbridge. This will allow direct services to run between Bletchley and Oxford, Bletchley and Bedford, Bletchley and Aylesbury.



Bletchley Flyover

One of the key elements of work will be to upgrade the viaduct at Bletchley known as the 'Bletchley flyover'.

The flyover was built in the early 1960's, has 37 arches and allows trains travelling east to west to cross over the West Coast Main Line where trains travel north to south.

To bring the flyover up to modern standards and ensure it is structurally sound for the next 120 years we will need to dismantle and rebuild the 14 of the arches (spans).

Preparatory work has been taking place over the last year to move overhead lines and stanchions which will now allow us to remove and replace the arches. Work started over the Easter weekend to drill and cut out the existing decks followed by lifting out the first deck span on the 25th April by a 750 tonne crane – one of the largest in the UK.

When removing the arches that span the West Cast Main Line, work must take place whilst the railway lines are closed in order to maintain the safety and integrity of the railway.



Digital visualisation of the flyover once the works have been completed.

Bletchley Flyover span removals progress to date



Forthcoming works

The next stage of work will be to demolish and lift out the decks of Bletchley flyover which cross the top of Duncombe Street and Buckingham Road. Two cranes will be used to undertake the dismantling, one will be erected on railway land at the top of Duncombe Street and the other crane will be erected on Buckingham Road. To allow us to carry out this work there will be some changes to the area at the top of Duncombe street/Buckingham Road. This will include:

- Access to pedestrians will be blocked at the top of Duncombe Street/ Buckingham Road, and a diversionary route will be in place



- A solid fence will be erected and will take up majority of the pedestrian area in front of the park hotel and adjacent restaurant this is to keep people safe whilst we are working.



Current planned full road closures

*May change subject to work requirements

Road	From*	To*	
Buckingham Road	Thursday 18 June, 9pm	Friday 19 June, 5am	Night
Buckingham Road	Friday 19 June, 9pm	Monday 22 June, 5am	Weekend
Buckingham Road	Monday 22 June, 9pm	Tuesday 23 June, 5am	Night
Buckingham Road	Tuesday 23 June, 9pm	Wednesday 24 June, 5am	Night
Buckingham Road	Wednesday 24 June, 9pm	Thursday 25 June, 5am	Night
Buckingham Road	Thursday 25 June, 9pm	Friday 26 June, 5am	Night
Buckingham Road	Friday 26 June, 9pm	Saturday 27 June, 5am	Night

Pedestrian access

We will maintain pedestrian access through the site for the majority of the work. However, if and when pedestrian access cannot be maintained a shuttle bus will operate between the train station and the bus station every 15 minutes.

Full closure of Buckingham Road from 5 July – 30 August 2020

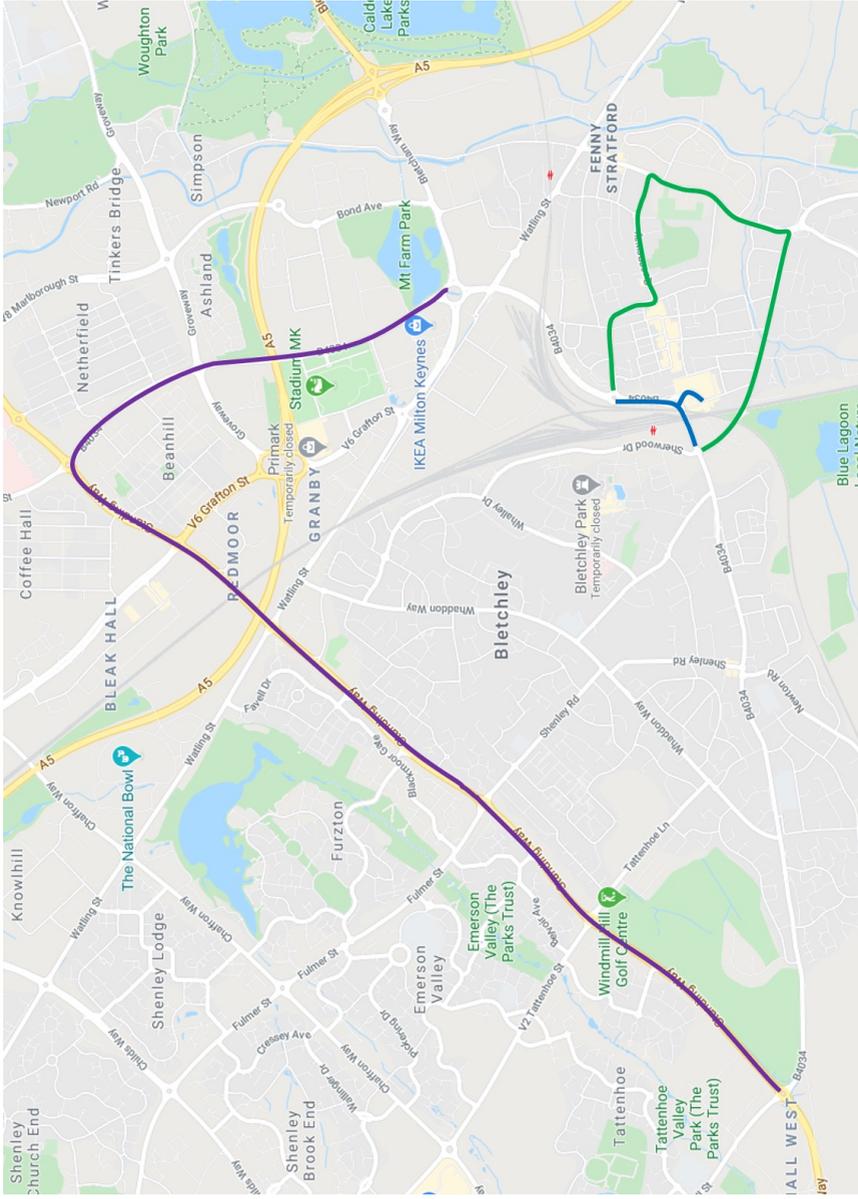
An additional crane will be arriving which will be sighted on Buckingham Road. This will allow us to safely remove and lift out the flyover arches that span Buckingham road.

A protected walkway will be provided through the worksite so pedestrians can get still get access from one side of Buckingham Road to the other for the majority of the work. However, if and when pedestrian access cannot be maintained a shuttle bus will operate between the train station and the bus station, every 15 minutes.

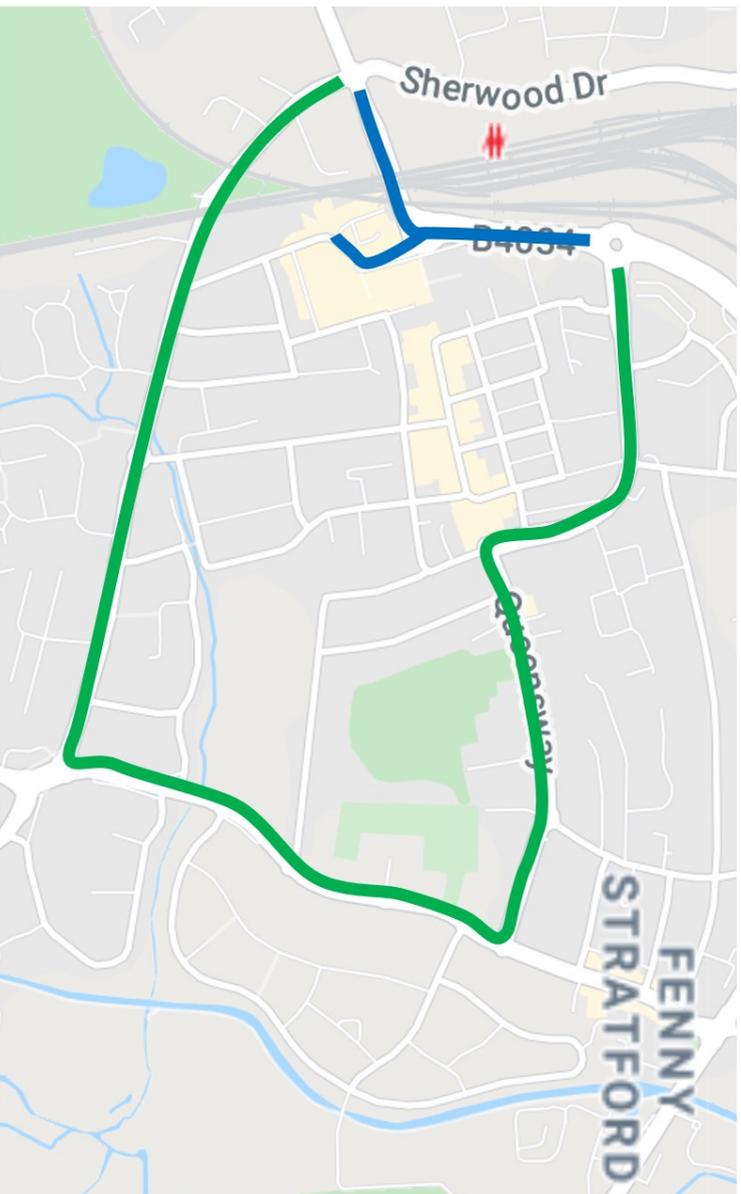
There will be fully marked road diversions for vehicles.



Road diversions for HGV traffic and local traffic



Local map of traffic diversion in Bletchley —Duncombe Street



Key:

— Local traffic diversion

— Construction work area

Partial closure Buckingham Road from 1 September — 7 December

Buckingham Road (Queensway B4034) will be partially closed from September 2020 to December 2020, this is to divert gas, electricity, drainage and telecom services and also to enable us to dismantle our crane. The road may also, at times, be closed completely during this period of time. Traffic lights will be used to manage traffic and diversions will still be in place. Please see previous maps for diversions.

Summary of planned works

During the period between June and September, we will be undertaking the following activities:

- Dismantling preparation works on Bletchley Flyover which will include coring and cutting the concrete deck structure into smaller more manageable sections. Some of this work will be undertaken at night
- Street furniture will be removed on Buckingham road including; lights, bollards, traffic signs stall temporary flood lighting
- Installation of hoardings for the full road closure on Buckingham Road
- Installation of a crane mat for the 1000t crane which will be positioned on Buckingham Road
- Erection of the cranes on Buckingham Road and Duncombe St
- Lifting out of deck spans from the Bletchley Flyover
- Transportation of deck sections to the compound on Water Eaton Road
- Removal of pier heads
- Dismantling and removal of the cranes on Buckingham Rd and Duncombe St
- During the Buckingham road closure we will have enhanced security on site and a full- time patrolled security officer will be present

Work in 2021

Once we have removed the Bletchley flyover arches this year, we will then replace them with new modern ones. The work to put in the new arches will take place during 2021 and we will share details of this when our plans are in place.

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