

**The Transport and Works Act 1992**  
**The Transport and Works (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 2004**  
**Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990**  
**Proposed Network Rail (East West Rail Bicester to Bedford Improvements) Order**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INQUIRIES**

Notice is given pursuant to Rule 13(6) of the Transport and Works (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 2004 that Martin Whitehead LLB BSc(Hons) CEng MICE, an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, will open concurrent public inquiries into the application by Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (“the Applicant”) for the proposed Network Rail (East West Rail Bicester to Bedford Improvements) Order under sections 1 and 5 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 and its applications under sections 10 and 74 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 listed in the schedule to this notice at MK Community Conference & Training Facilities, Margaret Powell House, 433C Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 3 BN at 10.00am on Wednesday 6 February 2019.

The draft order makes provision for the construction, operation and maintenance of a railway between Bicester and Bedford; Milton Keynes and Aylesbury to facilitate the operation of new passenger services between Oxford and Milton Keynes and Aylesbury.

The draft order will authorise the reinstatement of the partially disused Bicester-to-Bletchley-to-Bedford and Aylesbury-to-Claydon Junction routes, together with the construction of a new station at Winslow, new platforms at Bletchley and Aylesbury Vale Parkway stations; and platform extensions at Woburn Sands and Ridgmont stations. It is known as East West Rail Western Section Phase 2 (EWR2).

Works are proposed to be undertaken in the County of Oxfordshire (in the District of Cherwell), the County of Buckinghamshire (in the District of Aylesbury Vale) and in the County of Bedfordshire (in the District of Bedford, the District of Central Bedfordshire and the District of Milton Keynes).

The Order includes provisions for –

- the compulsory acquisition of land for the proposed works and ancillary purposes, including worksites; the acquisition of rights over specified land; provisions for the temporary use of land in connection with the authorised project; and the extinction and creation of private rights; and
- the operation and use of the railway; temporary and permanent stopping up of highways; closure of road level crossings; replacement and closure of footpath level crossings; provisions relating to streets, powers to carry out protective works to buildings on specified land; and powers to survey and investigate land.

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Date 16 January 2019

**Schedule**

**1. Listed Building consent application being made to Aylesbury Vale District Council**

Listed Building	Purpose of application
Quainton Road Station (Buckinghamshire Railway Centre) Listing reference 1213194	The erection of new fencing along the platforms to provide protection, creation of two new door openings (one within the former station building and one within the platform shelter), installation of transparent polycarbonate panel to the footbridge and ancillary works.

**2. Listed Building consent application being made to Central Bedfordshire Council**

Listed Building	Purpose of application
Ridgmont Railway Station Listing reference 1114037	Platform extension works to Ridgmont Railway Station with associated fencing and ancillary works.

**3. Listed Building consent application being made to Milton Keynes Council**

Listed Building	Purpose of application
Woburn Sands Railway Station Listing reference 1390836	Platform extension works to Woburn Sands Railway Station with associated fencing and ancillary works.