

BRICKHILL

PARISH COUNCIL



Mr Simon Blanchflower
Chief Executive East West Rail
Great Minster House
33 Horseferry Road
Westminster
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19th March 2021

Dear Mr Blanchflower,

Withdrawal of Support for Route E

In March 2019, Brickhill Parish Council responded to the EWR consultation and gave its support to a route which passed through Bedford Midland Station and so gave its support to Routes D or E.

Two years on and with Route E shown as the preferred option, Brickhill Parish Council have reconsidered whether it should continue to give this support. It has listened to the increasing concerns expressed over the last few months by many of its residents, especially on the Northern edge of the parish, about the detrimental environmental impact this line will have both in terms of damaging the open countryside but also on the lives and wellbeing of its residents.

As a result, at its meeting held on the 4th March and by a majority of its parish councillors it voted to agree the following motion:

To support the Northern village parishes in their opposition to a train line through Clapham, Brickhill, Ravensden and Wilden.

As a result, I am writing to formally rescind the earlier support by Brickhill Parish Council for Route E.

The matter has been discussed at the Parish Council meetings held on the 4th February and also at an extraordinary meeting held on the 25th February. Every effort was made to get an EWR representative to attend but to no avail.

The Parish Council would be grateful if it were possible to have a representative attend its Zoom meeting on the 1st April when residents will be in attendance and EWR will again be on the agenda.

The Parish Council looks forward to a response.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sue Bottoms
Clerk
Brickhill Parish Council