

To Freepost East West Rail

Date 9 June 2026

Subject **East West Rail Consultation 2026**

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the latest proposals for East West Rail. Cambridge Growth Company (CGC) has been established by government in 2024 to address the barriers to growth and help unlock Greater Cambridge's full potential. As a subsidiary of Homes England, the government's housing and regeneration agency, the CGC works to unlock and accelerate development and deliver the homes, jobs and infrastructure needed for long-term, sustainable growth.

As you will be aware Government has recently announced, following a consultation earlier in the year, that it intends to establish a Greater Cambridge Development Corporation from mid-July this year. Further information will follow in respect of its confirmed remit in the near future. The Government's response to the development corporation consultation reinforces and embeds its proposed Infrastructure-led Development objective.

CGC strongly supports the East West Rail proposals and broadly welcomes the details provided in the updated consultation document. It acknowledges the intrinsic role that East West Rail has to play in the growth which is being promoted in the Oxford Cambridge Growth Corridor and which CGC and the future development corporation will be working to deliver around the eastern part of East West Rail. In particular, the themes highlighted in section 7 of the document are supported and align with CGC's own ambitions.

It is important that the proposals for new and upgraded stations maximise the growth potential, both physical and that for wider economy, and support interconnectivity with other public transport and active travel measures locally and contribute to the character and quality of place in each location.

At Cambourne, the revised location north of St Neots Road is welcomed as a clear improvement that better serves the town and the scale of growth planned to the north, and CGC would encourage EWR to ensure the station and its access arrangements are designed as fully integrated elements of an expanded and connected Cambourne. The new eastern entrance at Cambridge station is similarly welcomed for the benefit it offers existing residents and workers, and those moving into new development in the east and south of the city. CGC would encourage EWR to consider expanding it to provide a free public through-link across the railway, improving connectivity, and creating further opportunity to strengthen connections from the east into the city centre.

CGC wishes to place particular emphasis on Cambridge East, where the station will play a part in realising the full potential of this strategically important location. A station of the right scale, quality and connectivity, designed as the heart of an integrated new community with excellent active travel and public transport links, will help in the delivery of this once in a generation opportunity. Following the recent acquisition of the Marshall's land at Cambridge East by Homes England and Hill and given CGC's role working in collaboration with Hill to bring the site

forward, CGC would welcome continued close working with EWR to ensure the station is planned in full alignment with the emerging proposals for this area.

The on-going dialogue between our two organisations on matters of detail is acknowledged, and in that context, I look forward to a continued positive working relationship as we seek to facilitate growth and deliver shared goals in and around the Cambridge region.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Peter Freeman', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Peter Freeman CBE
Chair
Cambridge Growth Company