Newton Longville Pump Extra
November 2026

“East West Rail is very happy to talk to anybody about a decision that it has already made. That is not meaningful engagement.”

[Cllr Thomas Broom, Cabinet Member, Transport & Deputy Leader, Buckinghamshire Council]

177,000 m3 of spoil to cut out and remove from the site (EWR’s estimate)

Environmental issues (noise, smell and light)

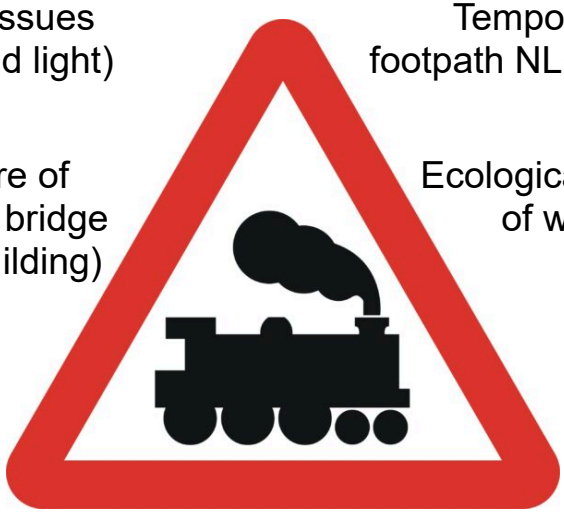
Temporary closure of footpath NLO19 under the railway bridge

Extensive closure of Whaddon Road bridge (demolition/rebuilding)

Ecological issues (loss of woodland, etc.)

Impact on local businesses, residents and landowners

Flooding, sewage and pollution risk



BUT that does not mean we shouldn’t tell them what we think …

Printed and published by Newton Longville Parish Council, Longueville Hall, Hammond Park, Whaddon Road, Newton Longville, Buckinghamshire, MK17 0AT www.Newton-Longville.com

On Friday 30th October East West Rail announced that their preferred layout for the proposed ‘Bletchley West’ train maintenance depot (TMD) was option 3, the ‘bow tie’, which would put the main buildings and facilities immediately to the west of Whaddon Road (north of the railway line) with the stabling sidings at the Mursley parish end.

There would be serious issues for Newton Longville whichever site layout EWR had chosen, both in terms of the construction and the operation. HGVs removing a vast amount of material as they cut into the hill to bring the depot close to track level, bridge closures for an extensive period of time, the impact on local businesses including landowners, drainage issues and increased flood risk "(the water course passes through a Flood Zone 3 area near the gas depot and the old brickworks off Bletchley Road)", noise/light/odour pollution, ecological impact (including the loss of woodland), etc.

EWR have clearly made their mind up that they want to build the TMD on our doorstep, and will proceed accordingly when they make their Development Consent Order (DCO) submission to the Department of Transport in 2027.

Despite this, it is very important that as many residents as possible attend their drop-in event this coming Monday to express their views, so that they can’t try and claim at the DCO examination stage that our community is indifferent to their proposal.

If you can, please come to Longueville Hall anytime between 6-9pm on Monday 30th November. We will have a table in one corner, so after seeing the plans and talking to the EWR representatives, you can come and tell us what you think as well.

(PS: For more information on the proposed TMD, please see pages 20-21 in the Oct/Nov edition of the Pump.)

Community drop-in event

We're holding a community drop-in event to share the latest updates on the proposed Bletchley West Train Maintenance Depot (TMD), near Newton Longville.

Following engagement with local stakeholders, we've announced our preferred option for the layout as the 'bowtie' orientation.

Come along to find out more about the proposals, discuss the latest developments and speak to members of the East West Rail team who will be on hand to answer questions.

Monday 30 November
6pm–9pm

Longueville Hall
Hammond Park, Whaddon Road
Newton Longville, Milton Keynes
MK17 0AT

Planning Application Pond Close/Westbrook End

There is still time to comment on this planning application for 32 houses in this corner of the village, north of the Gladman site, off Pond Close and behind Westbrook End.

There are many concerns about this site, see page 13 in the of the Oct/Nov edition of Pump (which can be viewed on our website).

You may view full details and make comments using the Buckinghamshire Council website, using PL/26/06781/OA publicaccess.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/online-applications/

Issues raised include:

- Ecological concerns
- Risk of flooding
- Site on the immediate edge of the Settlement Boundary.
- It represents an unacceptable incursion into the countryside and a negative change in the settlement pattern.

Planning Application - Cobb Hall Road

Following a site visit by committee members, this application will considered at the Central & North Area Planning Committee of Buckinghamshire Council on Wednesday 9th December at 2pm. Public may attend this meeting. Look out for agenda on their website.

If you would like to find out more about any of the matters dealt with in this Pump Extra (or anything else relevant to Newton Longville), please consider joining us at:

- Tuesday 1st December: Extraordinary Parish Council meeting at Longueville Hall, Whaddon Road, 5pm.
- Thursday 3rd December: Parish Council Drop-in 5 to 7pm at Free Church (Bletchley Road, MK17 0AD).
- Monday 21st December: Monthly Parish Council Meeting at the Free Church (Bletchley Road, MK17 0AD) which commences at 7pm. Regular business includes consideration of local planning matters and community activities. This meeting will be considering the precept for 2027/28.
- Thursday 7th January: Parish Council Drop-in 5 to 7pm at Free Church (Bletchley Road, MK17 0AD).
- Monday 18th January: Monthly Parish Council meeting for January.