



## PRESS INFORMATION

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### ***Campaign group red flags water infrastructure issues for EWR.***

Following a [BBC report](#) about The Environment Agency objection to the Bourn Airfield Development because of the lack of Water Infrastructure, Cambridge Approaches confirmed with the Environment Agency that this issue applies to all development in the South Cambridgeshire area.

Recall that the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 EWR Route Update Announcement showed that the business case for taking the railway to Cambridge, such as it is, depends on the construction of additional housing for 97,000 people immediately north of Cambourne and at Tempsford. This is in addition to the 57,000 houses already in the local plan.

William Harrold said, "If the local housing plan is already in trouble because of lack of water infrastructure, how can it be in any way responsible to go beyond that plan with East West Rail? EWRCo. clearly need to delay plans to take their railway to Cambridge until such time that these major water and sewages issues are resolved, a process we expect to take decades."

#### **About Cambridge Approaches**

Cambridge Approaches is a non-political campaign group founded in 2020 to challenge the EWR's approach to Cambridge and the business case for building the Bedford to Cambridge section.

Cambridge Approaches believes campaign groups are strongest when information and work is shared with other groups and that local groups are most effective at mobilising their communities. CA has strong links with other campaign groups and Parish Councils. It exchanges information and engages with BFARE, BCN Wildlife Trusts, CPRE, CBRR, STARC, many local parish councils, village based groups and others.

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