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## **EAST-WEST RAIL – BEDFORD to CAMBRIDGE - EVEN LESS COST BENEFICIAL than HS2.**

The now cancelled HS2 from Birmingham to Manchester was designed to operate between two large cities, to improve connections between London and the Northwest and to contribute to the levelling up of the North of England.

This cannot be said of the Bedford to Cambridge section of East West Rail. which is forecast to deliver only two thousand commuters a day into Cambridge at a capital cost of eight billion pounds (before inevitable overspend).

This amounts to a state subsidy of four million pounds per Cambridge-based job and comes at huge environmental and carbon cost.

Compared with the new Elizabeth Line which, for a comparable cost, carries half a million commuters per day, the economic benefit to Bedford and Cambridge of East West Rail is negligible.

The East-West Rail money would be better spent on more cost beneficial transport projects and other much needed public investments just as is to happen now with the liberated HS2 funds.

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