



## East West Rail in Harston & Newton - We Need You

We are approaching a crucial stage in the East West Rail (EWR) project, with Government approval expected in 2027. Decisions made now will shape the future of our villages for decades. The Harston and Newton Parish Councils' EWR Group has been actively engaging with EWR and putting forward strong, practical proposals to reduce the impact on our communities. We now want to share these updates with you - and hear your views.

### Village Meeting

 Harston Village Hall,  26 April |  5 - 7pm

**What are we proposing on your behalf?** We are pressing EWR to consider a series of changes that would balance the impact across neighbouring villages while reducing overall disruption and cost. These include:

1. **Move the railway line ~400m west** towards Foxton, so it sits more fairly between Harston and Newton rather than directly against Harston's edge.
2. **Relocate the main junction with the King's Cross line** to this new position, reducing excavation at Rowley's Hill and construction impact on Harston.
3. **Shift the planned A10 overpass** further west to sit more evenly between Harston and Newton.
4. **Reduce noise, light and traffic pollution** currently expected to impact the western side of Harston.
5. **Maintain the vital Harston-Newton connection** by replacing the level crossing with a new vehicle and pedestrian bridge at Station Road.
6. **Avoid the need for an 800m pedestrian-only bridge**, reducing unnecessary infrastructure and cost.
7. **Remove the need for a 1.5km new link road** between Station Road and London Road near the Recreation Ground.
8. **Protect access to Harston Primary School** for Newton families, avoiding long diversions via London Road and the A10.
9. **Avoid the need for a new roundabout on London Road** linked to the proposed bridge works.
10. **Minimise disruption from 4-6 years of construction**, helping protect village life and already strained local roads.

# HARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Why this meeting matters?**

**This is a key opportunity to: Hear the latest developments following our discussions with EWR. Understand the potential impacts on Harston and Newton. Help shape how we respond as a community. Strengthen our collective voice at a critical moment.**

We also want to work with residents to organise and ensure our concerns are clearly heard by EWR. We need your support to organise and lobby EWR. Come along, take part in our poll, and help ensure our proposals are seen as practical, cost-saving solutions that protect our communities.

**Join our village meeting on 26 April, 5 - 7pm and help shape the future of our villages - while there is still time.**

**Electors of Harston you are invited to attend:**

## **THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Harston Village Hall at 6.00pm**

**The following matters have been placed on the Agenda**

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the 2025 Harston Annual Parish Meeting.
3. To Receive Audited Accounts for 2024-2025.
4. Chairmans Annual Report 2025/2026.
5. To receive reports from Village Interest Groups.
6. To receive reports from County and District Councillors.
7. Open Forum of items not on the agenda.
8. Close Annual Parish Meeting.
9. Refreshments and informal discussions.

**This is an open forum meeting for discussion and questions from the community**

**Please remember to vote in the Parish Council Elections on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**