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I am objecting to the plans as they do not include a direct service between High Wycombe and Milton Keynes. My recollection is that previously such a service was planned as part of East West Rail. Currently public transport between the 2 places is extremely poor and the road journey is poor, especially given that they are significant towns / cities only about 30 to 35 miles apart.

Your website does not state the intended frequency of the service from Aylesbury to Milton Keynes however according to the article East West Rail in the September 2018 edition of Modern Railways it is hourly. This would be the same as the frequency of the current service between High Wycombe and Aylesbury. There is then the paradox of whether there is a good connection between the services that minimizes the overall journey time but then increases the risk of the connection being missed if the first train is late.

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