

**Shenaz Choudhary**

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**From:** Victoria Kemp < >  
**Sent:** 18 September 2018 12:05  
**To:** TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT  
**Subject:** Re: Objection to East West Rail Route

Hi Shenaz  
Please see below:-

Little Horwood  
Bucks

Kind Regards  
Victoria Kemp

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**From:** TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT <TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 17 September 2018 14:26  
**To:** Victoria Kemp  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to East West Rail Route

Dear Ms Kemp,

Thank you for your e-mail. In order to register your objection we require a postal address.

Many thanks  
Shenaz Choudhary

**Ms Shenaz Choudhary | Transport Works Act Order, Department for Transport**  
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**From:** Victoria Kemp [mailto:  
**Sent:** 15 September 2018 13:48  
**To:** East West Rail Consortium <info@eastwestrail.org.uk>; TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT  
<TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Objection to East West Rail Route

Firstly may I point out that as expected the time allowed for objecting to this proposal fell in the school holidays thereby making it very difficult for people who were away to object in time and equally all the press/emails and advertising for this were headlined with 'showing your support' which is misleading and illegal. Network rail has an obligation as a public body to have a fair and honest approach to how it positions itself and this has not been the case.

However having now returned from the our break during the school holidays my objections are as follows:-

- The saving in time between journeys is not significant enough to warrant the train being re-instated
- The costs, as with most train journeys, will make it a prohibitive form of transport when most people are already paying the cost of car tax, insurance, depreciation etc on a car
- Freight is not routinely transported between the locations stated now and will unlikely be transported in the future - this is a red herring and being used as a threat
- Public support is not 'out there' this is merely a statement made by network rail and supporters - there is no hard evidence to demonstrate this
- With a few exceptions most of the railway stations eg Milton Keynes are not near either shops or offices so there will be a transport challenge once people arrive at stations which will make the train an unappealing solution
- Our government and the country are talking about electric cars and how that is the future so they should be focussing there efforts and spending on providing an appropriate and robust infrastructure for that not re-opening a disused railway with little support and limited potential usage
- Finally the whole purpose of this railway was to provide a link from East to West as there was an inadequate road network - with the new East West Express Way now being the new 'flavour of the month' the train will not be required. The government need to decide where there transport strategy is going and stick to it as opposed to hedging there bets in all directions - that is not a strategy!

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