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Sent: 23 February 2024 16:19
To: Libby White
Subject: Re: Route Update Report and related documents published on 26 May 2023 by East West Railway Company Limited
Attachments: EWR_CS3-COS-CL-XX-ST-Y-000004 - D00.pdf; EWRCS3-COS-CL-XX-RP-Y-000012 Appendix I.pdf; EWR_CS3-COS-CL-XX-PP-Y-000005.pdf; EWR_CS3-COS-CL-XX-ST-Y-000002 rev D00.pdf; EWR_CS3-COS-CL-XX-ST-Y-000003 D00.pdf; EWRCS3-COS-CL-XX-RP-Y-000001-D01 14.06.23.pdf

Dear M Watson,

Re: Freedom of Information Request CS-00181292

Thank you for your request for information, which was received on 29th September 2023. We sincerely apologise for the delay in our response.

In that request, you asked us for the information below:

- a. *Please provide a copy of any advice EWRCo has received in respect of the disruption that the construction of the proposed southern approach to Cambridge may cause to existing rail services.*
- b. *If EWRCo has not received any such advice, please provide copies of any assessments it has made of this disruption.*

I can confirm that the search for the information you requested has been completed and I can advise you of the following:

We have completed two development exercises relating to construction of our proposals:

Document: (East West Rail Initial Constructability Study Constructability Outputs – 2022) EWR_CS3-COS-CL-XX-PP-Y-000005 Logistics and Red Line
Document: EWR_CS3-COS-CL-XX-ST-Y-000004 - D00 - EWR Overall Approach to Cambridge Sequence

Document: (East West Rail Construction Assessments for Cambridge and Core Sections May 2023) EWRCS3-COS-CL-XX-RP-Y-000001-D01 14.06.23

Both exercises were completed using a design from 2022, which has since been refined and matured. The output of these construction exercises does not represent any current anticipated or proposed level of railway disruption in the Cambridge area. We have used the outputs of the constructability exercises to inform our ongoing design development.

The exercises considered two different approaches to disruptive railway access for the Cambridge southern corridor: heavily disruptive access events with shorter overall programme; and more conventional rail disruption events resulting in a longer overall construction programme.

As our designs mature, we shall undertake more constructability exercises which are likely to involve further iterations of possessions and/or blockades duration and quantity.

No decisions have yet been made on the railway construction strategy at Cambridge and therefore no closures proposals have been submitted to the railway operating industry for review.

We have two pieces of "advice", or possible construction scenarios:

1. A highly disruptive construction phase with large railway closure.

Document: EWR_CS3-COS-CL-XX-ST-Y-000004 - D00 - EWR Overall Approach to Cambridge Sequence

2. A less disruptive phase with several smaller closures that goes on for several years longer.

Document: EWRCS3-COS-CL-XX-RP-Y-000001-D01 14.06.23 (East West Rail Construction Assessments for Cambridge and Core Sections May 2023)

[note that item 1 above come from a suite of "powerpoint slides" and there is no binding/summarising report for this work effort dating back to 2022]

The 2023 report is attached PDF file **EWRCS3-COS-CL-XX-RP-Y-000001-D01 14.06.23**

The above document has many appendices. For Cambridge, the most relevant is attached PDF file:

EWRCS3-COS-CL-XX-RP-Y-000012 Appendix I - from the South (EWR Affordable Connection Route Options Review - Rail Systems Sequence for the Online from the south)

Attached PDF file Slides with 2022 pieces of work relevant to Cambridge:
EWR_CS3-COS-CL-XX-PP-Y-000005 Logistics and Red Line
EWR_CS3-COS-CL-XX-ST-Y-000002 rev D00 - Long Road Sequence
EWR_CS3-COS-CL-XX-ST-Y-000003 D00 - Cambridge Throat Sequence Development
EWR_CS3-COS-CL-XX-ST-Y-000004 - D00 - EWR Overall Approach to Camb Seq

These documents have been redacted. Some information has been removed because it is not within the scope of your request. Personal data has been redacted under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act because it is exempt from disclosure as to provide it would enable the identification of individuals concerned.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact us.

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Yours sincerely,

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