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Response to East West Rail Western Section Phase 2 Round Three Consultation

A number of the Parish Councillors attended the consultation at Launton Playing Fields Association on 19 January and the Parish Council considered a response at the meeting on 1 February.

Concerns were:

1. that the Haul Road had been removed from the published plans and that the alternative route through Stratton Audley was not appropriate;
2. it was not acceptable for any construction vehicles to come through the village of Launton at any time;
3. that the area marked on map 133735_2A-EWR-OXD-109380-DR-T-001003 indicated as 'Permanent Land To Be Acquired For Environment Mitigation' was mapped incorrectly and took up part of the drive which was owned and managed by Launton Playing Fields Association. This has been circled on the map entitled *133735_2A-EWR-OXD-109380-DR-T-001003 annotated 1*;
4. there is no explanation as to why the environmental mitigation is necessary in that area;
5. regarding 3 above, the village uses the field (annotated as point 2) as car parking for village events such as the Fete and would need a right of access through the area to the playing field on the other side of the drive;
6. the environmental mitigation information is not marked on map 133735_2A-EWR-OXD-108600-DR-T-001004;

It was also suggested that all vehicles involved in the project should have an identifier in the cab in order to minimise confusion over the construction traffic. This is particularly important on a project of such a scale and with other large-scale projects in the area in order that any vehicles travelling through the village can be identified.

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