

English Regional Transport Association (ERTA)



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Support a better public transport and environmental deal for Bedford!

- A proper railway station on the Bedford-Bletchley Railway to serve the Retail Park and wider Kempston area? Bring back our trains and retain local stations. Please volunteer.
- The East-West Rail Link go via the old route (St John's) and eastwards avoiding knocking down houses. Likewise, to have physical arms to enable south of Peterborough and north of Stevenage/East Bedfordshire direct rail access from where they live to Bedford and the Oxford corridor and vice versa – essential footfall and spend minus congestion? See: <https://ertarail.co.uk/publicity/> for a good read.
- For a formal year-on-year traffic reduction strategy to cut congestion, waste, emissions and deteriorated public well-being? We need planning and policy with enforcement of existing laws and safeguards.
- Stations at Wixams (happening now), Ampthill and Stations North of Bedford (e.g., Oakley, Sharnbrook, Irchester, Burton Latimer, Desborough and Kibworth etc)? Plus, a seamless single train service to and from **Leicester** and all in between? Say “no” to having to change at Kettering for example!
- That pedestrian areas have segregated cycling. That traffic free spaces are made more the norm for our town centre with better enforcement against abusers? It is time to ‘level up’ town centres with out-of-town shopping areas!
- A circular bus shuttle linking the main Bedford Midland Railway Station with Tavistock Street, High Street, Borough Hall/Kingsway, Prebend Street, and the railway station and for Grant Palmer bus services to loop the railway station as a part of their overall journeys?
- A new-build/new route Bedford-Northampton rail link for direct access by rail to Birmingham and vice versa to Bedford, Cambridge, and Luton? It needs a will for a way to be done. Land needs protecting with identified corridor to enable option to be retained.
- ERTA is as good as its membership informs. We are growing! Make a difference!

ERTA Bedfordshire Forum: Wednesday 5th July 2pm-4pm upstairs at Costa Coffee, 20 Silver Street, Bedford, MK40 1SU T. 01234 346 722 All welcome. 10 minutes' walk from Bedford Midland Railway Station. Discussing and planning means-ways for generating a delegated team and individuals who can help advance our agenda. Richard Pill richard.erta@gmail.com

Annual General Meeting (AGM) and associated: Saturday 15th July 1pm food, 2-3pm business and from circa 3pm a discussion on transport issues in Central Bedfordshire including the narrative on Ampthill Station. All welcome. Venue is The Swan Pub (opposite the railway station served by regular Thameslink trains). Plenty of parking as well. Address: **The Swan Pub, 1 Dunstable Road, Flitwick, Bedfordshire, MK45 1HP** T: 01525 754777 E: steph@theswanflitwick.co.uk Website: <https://www.swaninnflitwick.co.uk/> This is your association, please come and hear accounts, reports and engage. A vote will be taken on raising the membership rate to £20 per annum. We need paid-up members to consider joining and serving on the ERTA Executive Committee (EC) all offers via Richard Pill richard.erta@gmail.com



Please Join ERTA Help us help you! <https://ertarail.co.uk/become-a-member/>

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Membership of ERTA costs £15 per annum. I/We wish to join _____

I/We wish to explore volunteering opportunities (optional) _____

Name (Please Print): _____

Address: _____ **Postcode:** _____

Tel/Mobile: _____ **Email** _____

I/We hereby give consent to our data being used and stored for the purposes of communication with ERTA and its purposes compliant with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) _____

Signed: _____ **Dated:** _____

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