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Dear Cllr Tett,

Thank you for your letter of 13 February about East West Rail Link to Aylesbury.

The spur between Aylesbury and EWR you mention in your letter, known as EWR Connection Stage 2.5 (CS2.5), would have enabled passenger services to travel from Aylesbury to other destinations on EWR. It is currently out of scope of the EWR project. This was because early work suggested that delivering any level of passenger service to Aylesbury was likely to have a poor business case and require significant unfunded investment and infrastructure improvements.

However, the current work to enable services on the first section of the route between Oxford and Milton Keynes via Bletchley (Connection Stage 1) does incorporate passive provision for potential EWR services to Aylesbury in the future in the event that circumstances change.

Yours sincerely,

Peter, Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill
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