

## NEWS FROM RAIL CENTRAL

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### **RAIL CENTRAL CONSULTATION EXTENDED**

**Residents in Northamptonshire will have further time to take part in the ongoing consultation on Rail Central, the proposed new strategic rail freight interchange near Northampton. The Phase One community consultation period now extends until Friday 21 October.**

Ashfield Land is extending the deadline for feedback to provide local residents with additional time and provide more opportunities for people who want to provide feedback to consider the latest plans and visualisations. The deadline has been extended by three weeks from 30 September.

Supplementary information and visualisations were published in August as part of the ongoing consultation to show the community how the draft plans are progressing and to invite further feedback.

Rail Central is a proposed major new logistics and distribution hub – the proposed site is where the West Coast Main Line meets the Northampton Loop Line to the south west of Northampton.

Ashfield Land launched the Phase One consultation in April and held a series of public exhibitions, inviting local residents and the community to provide feedback on the draft plans that could support the ongoing design process.

Feedback can be provided online at the project website, [www.railcentral.com](http://www.railcentral.com), or in writing (by email or letter) to Rail Central by the new deadline of Friday 21 October.

Phase Two consultation – at which more detailed information will be presented for consultation and feedback – is scheduled for Q1 2017.

Following the completion of Phase Two consultation and all technical work, a Development Consent Order (DCO) application is scheduled to be made in summer 2017.

For further information please visit the website at [www.railcentral.com](http://www.railcentral.com) or telephone 0845 543 8967.

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#### **Notes to editors**

Rail Central is a proposal for a SRFI at a key strategic location where the West Coast Main Line meets the Northampton Loop Line adjacent to the A43 and within 2 miles of the M1.

It is in line with Government policy for investment and expansion in rail freight capability and would see approximately 8,000 jobs created.



Subject to permission being granted to build Rail Central, the earliest potential start of construction would be in 2019.

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