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Agenda for Ampthill-Flitwick Forum: ERTA Ampthill and Flitwick Forum: Saturday 30 April 2022, 1pm food, 2-4pm business, The Swan Pub, 1 Dunstable Road, Bedford MK45 1HP

T: 01525 754777 E: steph@theswanflitwick.co.uk It is adjacent to the Thameslink served railway station and with ample parking and bus links too. <https://www.swaninflitwick.co.uk/menus/> Everyone is responsible to pay for their own food and drink.

1. Introduction and welcome by Chair of the Meeting
 2. Apologies for absence
 3. The pros and cons of an additional Wixams style station on the slow lines for Ampthill with foot-cycle access off of Froghall Road, motor and bus access from both Industrial Park entrance and from the west off Fordfield Road (linking A507 west with Steppingley and Flitwick West side of Midland Main Line for parking and foot/cycle access). See: <https://www.bedfordindependent.co.uk/preferred-design-of-wixams-train-station-revealed-with-2024-completion-still-on-track/> For an idea of what a new station like Wixams could look like.
 4. Local needs and issues: public transport, better access, footfall and spend, connectivity with elsewhere and equal spread of opportunities.
 5. Environmental considerations: traffic versus wide journeys by public transport
 6. Growth of development for the two towns and how that is best managed in terms of wider impacts
 7. Commutes, landscape constraints and better links for cycling and buses between the two towns and principal others like Milton Keynes and Silso/Shefford A507 corridor?
 8. Any other transport-related business.
 9. Next steps: Forum facilitation, canvassing support for updated studies, Area Rep/Join ERTA and raise public support generally.
 10. Date, time and place of next meeting, ideally in Ampthill
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