

Small Dean Viaduct

The deck of the Small Dean Viaduct is being progressively lowered into its final position in 20cm stages at each pier, which has involved more night time closures of the A413. Once in place concrete will be poured inside the girders to stiffen the entire structure, with work expected over the Chiltern Line during the Easter holiday weekend railway closure.

Wendover Green Tunnel

Work is progressing with the foundations of the Green Tunnel, with a large concrete slab being created in the section just north of Ellesborough Road.

Excavation has started for the cutting through Ellesborough Road and the section south to Bacombe Lane. [Photo above]. We're expecting that to be completed this summer. Excavation of the northern section of the tunnel and the "North Cutting" up to Nash Lee Lane is still on hold until the Environment Agency is happy about the impact on the groundwater from the Coombe Hill aquifer.



Dobbins Lane and the Spring Chamber

The plans for the "Spring Chamber" were submitted to Buckinghamshire Council, with public consultation until 25 March.

The documentation, which includes public and stakeholder comments, is available on the Council's Planning Portal, and a shortcut link is available from the whs2.org website.

On 19 February HS2 held a public event at Wendover Tennis Club, which focussed on its reduction of the number of heavy goods vehicle round trips on Dobbins Lane and South Street, saying these would be down to an average of one a day over the 12 week construction period.

However the Planning Application reveals

that there will also be about 38 one-way trips daily with "other" vehicles, including flatbed trucks, tractors, 4x4 vehicles and minibuses (used to transport staff to and from welfare facilities and car parking at the HS2 North Portal compound beside the Wendover Bypass).

With the level of public demand for use of an alternative site access route, our ward councillors have "called in" the Planning Application, which means that it will be decided at a public council planning meeting, rather than being delegated to the planning officers.

As we go to press it seems doubtful whether the meeting will be held before the council elections on 1 May.



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