



## ITEM 9a – WENDOVER HS2 MAG

### HS2 Monthly Report, February '26

#### Works update

- HS2 are holding a drop-in event at Wendover Library on 5<sup>th</sup> March from 2-5pm to discuss the Spring Chamber construction plans. Works are expected to start in April and take up to 12 weeks, with site access from the field next to King's Farm Shop at Nash Lee End.
- The Wendover bypass was closed for three days to allow construction of a temporary access road from the A413 to the North Portal worksite for completion of the northern section of the Green Tunnel.
- There were weekday overnight closures of the A413 to allow parapets to be installed on the Small Dean Viaduct, but due to supply chain issues this may now extend for a third week up to 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- Progress on the Grove Farm Culvert tunnel has stalled due to ground conditions at the southern end. The ground has now been "stabilized" and the Tunnel Boring Machine modified which should allow the southern section to be completed in the next few weeks.

#### Bucks Council activity

- A review of predicted noise levels was held with Bucks Council Officers following our research into the impact of a change to HS2 train design which increases the residential impact higher than previously expected. The Council think our proposal for a noise barrier at the North Portal is not justified, but we have briefed Mark Wild (HS2 CEO) on the outcome of their noise assessment processes and we will be following up with his Officers in March.

#### Parish Council activity

- Councillors Gallagher and Atwell met Mark Wild at a meeting organized by Greg Smith MP and discussed train noise, additional funding for St Mary's Church noise insulation, and the "Wendover Link" landscaping proposal developed in response to the feedback from the November Public Meeting.
- The Wendover Link proposal is being submitted to the Parish Council for consideration of adoption as part of the Wendover Neighbourhood Plan.

#### Public queries

- Five public enquiries processed this month, including a report of flooding at Nash Lee Lane and enquiries about Ellesborough Road restoration

23<sup>rd</sup> February '26

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