

## Wendover Parish Council HS2 Monthly Report, March '26

### Works update

- The Spring Chamber construction 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 foundation slab for "phase 4" of the Wendover Green Tunnel has been completed underneath the temporary bridges at Ellesborough Road, and the precast concrete shell segments are now starting to be installed.
- The final realignment of the A413 underneath the Small Dean Viaduct has been delayed and is now expected to be started next year.

### HS2 update

- The publication of the outcome of the "HS2 Programme Reset" has been delayed by DfT asking HS2 to consider the cost reduction and timescale implications of running the trains slower than the currently planned maximum speed of 360kph. There has also been press speculation about changing the length of the trains to make them compatible with the existing West Coast Mainline train station platforms.
- Two meetings have been held with HS2 to discuss our findings about the expected train noise and need for additional mitigation following the meeting with Mark Wild (HS2 CEO) in February.

### Bucks Council activity

- A site visit was held to discuss the Ellesborough Road landscaping and the routing of the "Buckinghamshire Greenway" past Wendover which is currently missing from HS2's plans.
- A quarterly review with senior Bucks Council Officers is planned in April.

### Parish Council activity

- The Council resolved to support the proposed Wendover Link landscaping development based on community priorities. Further discussions have been held with the Cricket Club and Ellesborough Road/Bacombe Lane residents. The proposal can be seen on our website <https://whs2.org>.
- EKFB are seeking confirmation of the proposed street lighting provisions on the revised Bacombe Lane route over the Green Tunnel.

### Public queries

- Three public enquiries processed this month, including enquiries about Ellesborough Road restoration and a request for EKFB "Social Value" support for pothole repairs.

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