

# HS2 update



## Mark Wild in Wendover

Mark Wild, the HS2 chief executive, made a return visit to Wendover in February, when WHS2 discussed three key community issues with him, including the landscape restoration proposal we've developed since the recent public meeting (available on the [whs2.org](http://whs2.org) website). Also discussed was the need for better train noise mitigation, and the increase in costs since the 2016 promise to provide noise insulation for St Mary's Church.

HS2 has taken action points on all three issues and we'll let you know how things progress. See photo bottom-right of the page for attendees.



The last section of foundation slab being poured, taken from the Bailey bridge, looking South.  
Photo: Murray Cooke



## Small Dean Viaduct

HS2 managed to install the parapet walls on the sides of the Small Dean Viaduct above the A413 during a fortnight of night time road closures in February. See photo above. The next closure of the road is now expected in the summer, as dump trucks will then be able to use the viaduct so the redundant green conveyor system will be removed.

The last full closure of the A413 should then be for the final realignment to smooth out the curves between the viaduct piers; which is anticipated to happen in the autumn.

## Spring Chamber construction works

HS2 has revealed plans for the construction of the "Spring Chamber," which is expected to take up to 12 weeks starting in April.

The originally planned site access along Dobbins Lane was abandoned after planning permission was denied, so access will now be across the field next to King's Farm Shop at Nash Lee End.

The fencing surrounding the pipeline in the fields behind Lionel Avenue and Bridleways is to be removed as part of the works.

## Wendover Green Tunnel progressing

The foundations are being laid for the final 'fourth' phase of the tunnel under the Bailey bridges at Ellesborough Road.

The tunnel is expected to be completed next year, with the road being restored onto its original alignment in 2028. See photo above.

## Issues with HS2?

If you are affected by the HS2 construction activity, please contact the HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434434 (which is available 24 hours a day) or email [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk) to discuss any concerns with them and hopefully get your issues resolved.

It helps if you have photographic evidence and please get a complaint reference number so that we can follow up issues as needed.

## Need our help?

If you need further help, want to join us, or have ideas and suggestions that would mitigate the community impact, then please get in touch with us at Wendover HS2 by emailing [enquiries@whs2.org](mailto:enquiries@whs2.org).



People left to right: William Avery (St Mary's Church), Peter Martin (BC Cabinet member for HS2), Andy Band, Murray Cooke. Mark Wild, Ron Petersen, Greg Smith MP, Maddelyn Sutton (HS2 Community Engagement), Peter Strachan (BC Ward Councillor), George Atwell (Wendover Parish Council), Clive Gallagher (Wendover Parish Council).

  
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