

Wendover Parish Council HS2 Report, April '26

Works update

- The Spring Chamber construction works have started, with the fencing in the field behind Lionel Avenue now being removed. Site access for construction works is from the field next to King's Farm Shop at Nash Lee End, and works are due for completion in July.
- The precast concrete shell segments for the final "phase 4" of the Wendover Green Tunnel are now being installed close to Ellesborough Road. Work will be suspended for removal of the large crane, with low level lifting equipment needed to complete the tunnel underneath the temporary bridges.

Bucks Council activity

- A quarterly meeting was held with senior Bucks Council Officers with focus on Landscaping and Train Noise issues which will be considered as part of revised "schedule 17" designs for the "Nash Lee" and "Small Dean" sections being submitted for approval later this year.
- We reviewed the revised design for the "Wendover Dean" section which is currently being assessed by the Council, and discovered a minor (<2dB) increase in daytime peak train noise despite the reduced speed of trains now proposed.

Public queries

- Seven miscellaneous public enquiries were processed this month.
- The HS2 Mobile Visitor Centre will be at Ashbrook Park on 7th May 12:00 to 15:00 to answer public queries.

The year in review

- HS2 changed the plans for the Spring Chamber to avoid construction traffic in Dobbins Lane and South Street following public demand.
- Ellesborough Road cutting was excavated to accommodate the Green Tunnel, and 67% of the concrete shell is now installed.
- The concrete deck and parapet walls of the Small Dean Viaduct have been completed, allowing dump trucks to cross the A413.
- The two year project to install the underground tanking wall for the North Cutting was completed to minimise disruption to the Coombe Hill aquifer.
- 40% of the Grove Farm drainage culvert was tunnelled, despite a six month delay due to adverse ground conditions.
- The Misbourne Greenway opened between Great Missenden and Dunsmore Lane, but with the closure of Small Dean Lane there is no safe cyclepath to access it from Wendover; with resolution not anticipated until 2028.
- 160 people attended a public update meeting held to determine the key local priorities.
- Sixty public enquiries handled on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Two meetings were held with Mark Wild, the new HS2 CEO, to address our key issues.