

HS2 update



Spring Chamber making progress

Work started in April to create the underground chamber in a meadow near the Kings Farm Shop. Having laid a temporary road track for site access across the field from Nash Lee End, a large hole was dug to access groundwater at the Stoke Brook spring (see main photo). Concrete tanks have now been installed to collect the water and then measure the flow going downstream into the brook. The project should be finished by the end of July to meet the Environment Agency's deadline to have the system available in August before the annual "recharge" of the underlying aquifer.

WHS2 also managed to get the metal security fencing removed behind the houses in Lionel Avenue, as requested by residents. This was put up in 2024 and was supposed to be removed within a few months.



The concrete tanks of the spring chamber before being buried. Photo: Simon Eccles

Green Tunnel getting closer

Installation of the concrete shell sections of the final "fourth" phase of the main HS2 tunnel running alongside Wendover is now getting close to Ellesborough Road.

Inside the tunnel large quantities of concrete are being laid, to form an emergency walkway with a "robust kerb" to avoid damage to the tunnel walls if a train should ever derail. Small manoeuvrable "Fiori" mixer trucks are being used to

deliver concrete in the narrow space available.

Wendover Dean design revision

An updated version of the design of the HS2 railway as it passes through Wendover Dean has been submitted to Bucks Council for approval, incorporating minor changes made since 2021. There's more detail about the eventual landscaping and a minor increase in

peak night time noise due to changes to the trains. We are talking to Bucks Council and HS2 about revising the Small Dean and Nash Lee sections due later this year.

Better noise mitigation

From our recent meetings with Bucks Council and HS2 officers about reducing train noise, we have concluded that they are simply "following the process" and can't spend more public money on mitigation. We believe that their process doesn't actually reflect the full requirements of the HS2 Act. Aided by Greg Smith MP, we've now raised this with the HS2 chief executive and should have an update for you next month

Future Landscaping

We are also following up on the "Wendover Link" landscaping proposals with both HS2 and the Council and will report progress as the designs evolve this summer.

Issues with HS2?

If you're affected by construction activity, please contact the HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 (24 hours per day), or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk. It helps to have photographic evidence and please get a complaint reference number so we can follow up issues as needed.



Green tunnel at Bacombe Lane. Photo: Simon Eccles.

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Fiori concrete truck at the tunnel mouth. Photo: Murray Cooke.

Lighting has been installed in the north section of the Green Tunnel so concrete laying and later other work can be performed inside. This photograph was taken at dusk on 16 May, a Saturday night when construction work had finished.
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