

Wendover Parish Council HS2 Report, June '26

Works update

- The massive clay stockpile at Ellesborough Road has been moved north and replaced with chalk needed to cover the Green Tunnel in future. There has been some dust as a result with the dry weather despite regular dampening of the haul roads. While the impact on the village has been less than last year, we are concerned about the recent reduction in the number of Air Quality and Noise Monitoring points in use and are escalating the issue.
- The green conveyor system at Small Dean is being removed with night time closures of the A413 between 3rd to 9th July, as Dump Trucks can now cross the road using the Viaduct
- Installation of large concrete parapet walls at the Rocky Lane bridge will require full closure of the road between 27th July and 10th August, with traffic being diverted via Frith Hill at Great Missenden
- The proposed closure of Bowood Lane to cyclists and walkers for highways "tie-ins" has been postponed until later this year
- The Spring Chamber construction works are nearly complete, and the temporary road track across the fields at King's Farm Shop has been removed.
- The concrete shell of the Wendover Green Tunnel has now progressed past the old Ellesborough Road alignment.

HS2 Land Restoration

- A meeting was held with HS2 and EKFB to discuss their response to the "Wendover Link" proposals developed following the Public Meeting last November. Currently there seems to be little change compared to the working level designs we saw a year ago despite the good intent suggested by Mark Wild, the HS2 Chief Executive. With assistance from Greg Smith MP, further meetings about the Wendover proposals are now being planned with the involvement of Bucks Council prior to the submission of the final designs expected later this year.

HS2 Noise Mitigation

- At several recent meetings with HS2 and EKFB officers there has been a repeated refusal to acknowledge the special situation about the North Wendover noise issues. We have now appealed directly to Mark Wild in writing to install a noise barrier at the North Cutting and await a response.

Public queries

- Four public enquiries processed this month, including two about land restoration, a query about potential Wendover Dean house purchase, and concern about the Public Accounts Committee's critical review of the progress with the HS2 Programme Reset.