



ITEM 9a – WENDOVER HS2 MAG

HS2 Report, Aug '26

Works update

- The concrete shell of the Wendover Green Tunnel has now been installed under both bridges at Ellesborough Road and completion is now expected by the end of the year.
- The final realignment of the A413 under the Small Dean Viaduct is being planned for next Spring now that planning permission for the access to Boswells Estate has been finally agreed.
- Following feedback from residents a meeting was held with the EKFB Environmental Manager to discuss their dust monitoring and mitigation with the recent dry weather and ongoing earthworks near Ellesborough Road. Their objective is to ensure that dust clouds do not extend outside their worksite boundary, and this is reviewed monthly by Bucks Council Environmental Health.

HS2 Land Restoration / Wendover Link

- We are preparing for an Active Travel Workshop involving HS2, EKFB and Bucks Council in September focussed on the detail of the cycle ways and Public Rights of Way reinstatement to influence the as “pre-application” process before EKFB submit their revised “Schedule 17” designs for the Small Dean and Nash Lee sections of the railway.
- Having reviewed the “Schedule 4” highways drawings the Bacombe Lane residents are concerned that HS2 have increased the intrusion of the proposed road alignment much further into the field, exceeding the “deviation limits” defined in the HS2 Act. They are also concerned that the widened road will introduce road safety issues for pedestrians and are challenging Bucks Council about why they have approved this in the Chilterns Nations Landscape AONB.
- Councillor Atwell visited the Chiltern Tunnel South Portal area to see the landscaping outcome by the Align and Fusion contractors. A meeting with the EKFB landscaping team is being planned to discover what they are achieving in North Bucks prior to conclusion of their designs for the Wendover area.

HS2 Noise Mitigation

- A review of the detailed design of the Green Tunnel North Portal area is to be held with HS2 and EKFB designers to consider what landscaping changes could be accommodated to provide more noise mitigation

Public queries

- Seven public enquiries processed this month, including excess dust at Bridleways, demolition noise from the Green Tunnel worksite, and an HS2 water tanker using a hydrant at World’s End during the Thames Water hosepipe ban.

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