ITEM 9a – WENDOVER HS2 MAG

Wendover HS2 Mitigation Action Group

HS2 Report, September '26

Works update

- Completion of the concrete shell of the Wendover Green Tunnel is now expected on 5th October. Nearby residents were informed about 24 hour working inside the tunnel in preparation for this. Further work is needed to waterproof the shell and add the acoustic portal at each end prior to landscaping expected in 2028.
- Preparation for landscaping of the south embankment of the Small Dean Viaduct will require some night time closures of the A413; expected in mid-October. Motorists will get two weeks of advanced warning with illuminated road signs.

HS2 Land Restoration / Wendover Link

- An "Active Travel" workshop was held involving HS2, EKFB and Bucks Council in September focussed on the detail of the Public Rights of Way reinstatement.
  HS2 have instructed EKFB to consider our proposals for the "Bucks Greenway" cycle-track route past Wendover which is missing from the currently published drawings. We need to demonstrate local support for the initiative to assist in securing funding for the project from the Department for Transport and the Wheel Walk Cycle Trust (previously known as Sustrans), and hope that the project could be included in the EKFB Landscaping works in 2028/29.
  HS2 and EKFB are also going to reconsider the provision of a "permissive path" on the historic WEN14 alignment at Bacombe Lane for Ridgeway and Outer Aylesbury Ring walkers.
- We communicated with Ellesborough Road residents before and after the workshop to ensure their perspective was represented.
- We have supported the Bacombe Lane Trustees in their quest for redesign of the proposed alignment of the lane over the top of the green tunnel, which was previously approved by Bucks Council despite breaching the limits defined in the HS2 Act

HS2 Noise Mitigation

- A review of the detailed design of the Green Tunnel North Portal area is being held with HS2's Head of Engineering to consider what landscaping changes could be accommodated to provide more noise mitigation

Public queries

- Nine public enquiries processed this month; including night time works noise, Land Restoration details, and possible HS2 impact on local mains water pressure.

MJSC
30th September '26