

Wendover HS2 Mitigation Action Group

Ellesborough Road diversion

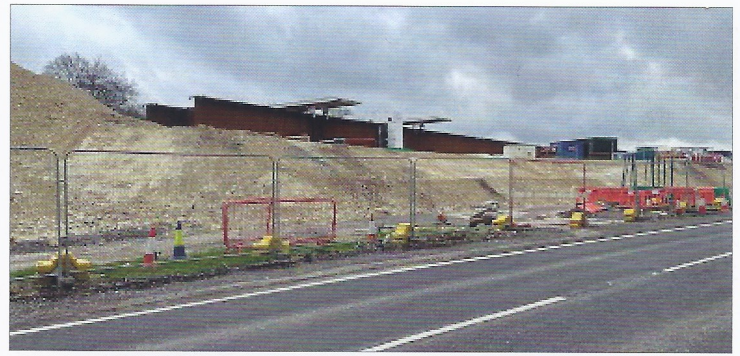
The diversion of Ellesborough Road is now expected to be brought into use before Easter, although this is dependent on UK Power Networks moving some overhead cabling that runs above the top end of the new section and is thought to be too low to allow the highest vehicles to pass underneath. The delay has meant the continued use of the original road, but this has been narrowed to a single lane for safety as it passes a new low-level roadside girder bridge that carries water and sewage utilities.



Traffic lights are controlling access from alternate ends, potentially leading to queues in rush hours. When the diversion does eventually open, the lights will be retained to control the junction as a temporary single carriage at the Wendover end. This will be until UK Power Networks resolves a different issue, this time with a buried cable that's too close to the new road section. There's no indication of when this will be fixed.

Viaduct progress

The first Small Dean viaduct pier has been completed close to the A413 and the second (of six) had been started by mid-March.



Meanwhile the steel deck sections are being welded together before being launched over the piers next year.

There have been four weeks of noisy sheet piling works on the railway side of the road; clearly audible in Dunsmore, Wendover, and up the Hale Valley. This was needed before works could be undertaken next to the railway line.

Piling installation is also planned with 24 hour working over the Easter Weekend, with no trains running and the A413 closed.

Green Tunnel cutting excavation delayed

Further excavation for the green tunnel between Ellesborough Road and Folly Bridge alongside the bypass is still stalled, awaiting approval from the Environment Agency. We understand that it is concerned about the amount of water that is expected in the cutting just north of Nash Lee Road, and seeking changes to the groundwater management plans.

Issues with HS2?

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

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