

Nash Lee Lane road safety

The diversion of Nash Lee Lane came into use in June, and two serious accidents occurred within a fortnight resulting in damage to residents' property. We pointed out our concerns about the width of the road and a sharp bend to the Council in April, and were assured that the design met the appropriate Highways standards. HS2 are now implementing a 15 point improvement plan which should be completed by the end of August. Meanwhile a temporary crash barrier has been installed to protect local residents. See also front cover story.



A413 Small Dean closures

There were closures of the A413 in June as part of the complex plan to build the Small Dean Viaduct, and HS2 has published an online animation of what's planned over the next three years at www.tinyurl.com/sdv2023video.

One of the first steps was to divert an underground water main, so that the road can be realigned round the viaduct piers. Piling the foundations for the piers is currently progressing west of the railway line, and in the autumn the road will be closed again to allow the carriageways to be temporarily shifted eastwards to allow works between the A413 and the railway line.



Saving Wendover's waterways

Along with the Parish Council, we are getting increasingly concerned about the lack of information about how HS2 is going to ensure that the Weston Turville Reservoir SSSI is going to continue be fed with water from the Coombe Hill aquifer. The Green Tunnel cutting intercepts groundwater flows, and the Small Dean Embankment stops surface water getting to Hamden Pond. HS2's plans to tunnel a 1.6km culvert alongside the bypass seems like an expensive way of increasing the flood risk in Aylesbury by diverting water away from the reservoir. Further details are available on our website at www.whs2.org/water.htm. Meanwhile (at the time of writing)

excavation of the cutting has not started as the Environment Agency have still not approved HS2's plans, and we're asking for the details. Meanwhile the Parish Council is working on maintaining Hamden Pond as a local amenity for future generations (see back page).

Ellesborough Road issues

More weeks of closures of Ellesborough Road are expected to create the diversion over the temporary bridge, including rerouting of various underground utility services impacted by the cutting works needed to build the Green Tunnel. HS2 are still hoping that



the new road will open in September, but we are concerned about the safety of the sharp bend immediately after the bridge of over the bypass. HS2 tells us that the design has been approved by Bucks Highways, but we will monitor progress in the light of the Nash Lee experience.

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.

Need our help?

If you need further help, want to join us, or have ideas and suggestions that would mitigate the community impact, then get in touch at enquiries@whs2.org.

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