

Small Dean Works

Over the Christmas and New Year holidays HS2 completed the "sheet piling" at Small Dean, which will protect the Chiltern Line when the excavation starts for the foundations of the viaduct over the A413. There was some overnight noise, but this was considered better than the community impact of yet more weekend closures of the railway line throughout January and February.



Sheet piled retaining wall

Other works at Small Dean have resulted in evening closures of the A413, and we've now managed to get advanced notice of those posted at the roadside so that regular motorists trying to get to and from Great Missenden know to avoid the area.

Wendover Bypass Works

The building of the concrete "batching plant" next to the Wendover Bypass is also

progressing. This is expected to limit the number of local "Large Goods Vehicle" concrete lorry movements to a peak of (only) 536 per day over a four-year period, compared to delivering pre-mixed concrete from elsewhere.



Batching plant

Demise of Ellesborough Cottages

We understand that demolition of the empty cottages in Ellesborough Road is now expected in April, but preparatory works including disconnection of the Gas and Electricity supplies have been done. Noise and Vibration monitors are also being installed in adjacent properties, which should enable us to see if the works are being done in accordance with HS2's "Code of Construction Practice". That can be downloaded from the HS2 website, and we would encourage you to report anything non-compliant to their Helpdesk on 08081 434 434.

Business Case Review

The axing of a new HS2 line all the way to Leeds in the DfT's recent "Integrated Rail Plan" is being

considered by the Parliamentary Transport Select Committee who are understood to be concerned about the worsening business case for HS2. However, we doubt if their recent consultation will result in the cancellation of the entire project.

That said, we remain focussed on trying to limit the impact of the line prior to the design getting approved by Bucks Council, and are now working closely with the Parish Council to see if our proposals for a minor redesign of the North Cutting can be adopted to save over 400 homes in North Wendover from night time noise over the World Health Organisation limit.

Community Mitigation Funds

There are a small number of projects being successfully received for Wendover & surrounding villages. We encourage all groups to submit their pitches for mitigation funding. We have been supporting individuals who have been badly affected by HS2 plans, with some success. HS2 have reissued the Homeowner Payments Scheme, which now provides grants of up to £24,000 for people living within 300 metres of the line www.hs2.org.uk/documents/homeowner-payment/.

If you have ideas or suggestions that would mitigate the community impact, then get in touch at enquiries@whs2.org and we'll assist however we can.

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