

“People will just get used to the disruption!”

Nothing seems to be changing

HS2 plans appear to be ploughing ahead without a care in the world for the residents whose lives will be changed forever.

Irreparable mental health issues, fractured relationships and physical health concerns will become the norm as traffic disruption permeates all around us and incessant, irritating, and damaging noise pollution arrives with the trains.

It appears that that we will all have to just get accustomed to the disruption and that those living close to the line will just move away or simply get used to the noise!

What we've been doing

We have identified numerous reasons which prove HS2 train noise pollution will be worse than expectations defined in the Act, whereby the vast majority of homes in the Wendover assessment area could experience noise pollution above the limits.

We have provided proof that HS2 current plans will flood Stoke Mandeville and Aylesbury and their proposed traffic movements will bring the Chilterns to a standstill.

Evidence has been presented to HS2, but at time of going to press, we have received no response to our request to refute our analysis.

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Thankfully, our Buckinghamshire Council Officers working with our re-elected Councillors have rejected traffic movement requests, twice now.

They have delayed the Wendover Dean Viaduct planning submission approvals for over a month until HS2 furnishes the relevant information in order for their required due diligence.

They are also taking further measures eg: appointing staff to specifically monitor HS2's building operations to protect residents.

We also have The Environment Agency to rely on, given their stated purpose “we work to create better places for people and wildlife, and support sustainable development”. This protection includes threats such as pollution and flooding so their role in approving Schedule 33 applications and as a statutory consultee in Schedule 17 Planning submissions is critical.

We cannot be complacent

We remain incredulous that HS2/EKFB continue to push ahead, despite our reasonable, cost and time-saving mitigation solutions which we have provided. It appears there is little concern for the impact that this train will have on individuals, communities, the environment and the millions of wildlife, whose lives are being changed forever.

We must continue to point out where things can be reasonably improved, it is never too late to intervene and make the necessary changes which can leave a lasting positive legacy for all those residing & working here, both now and in the future.

YOU too can help

- by clicking on our website www.whs2.org and signing petitions/completing our mitigation surveys/joining our group
- by writing to our re-elected Councillors at www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk, to ask them to continue to support our mitigation solutions
- by writing to Rob Butler at rob.butler.mp@parliament.uk to ask him to support our mitigation solutions AND ensure that the Environment Agency are accountable & due diligence is done

Meanwhile, lots is happening around us

• **St Mary's Church, Stoke Mandeville old village** – archaeological works have started exhuming the graveyard and the cemetery is to be relocated to a new site off Marsh Lane (now closed to 2026 just like the footpath closures to the south of Wendover). As with the find of a 'Neolithic Woodhenge' last summer, we expect there to be discoveries as specialists examine the remains from a graveyard which was

in use for 900+ years. The team of 40 archaeologists working on the site will be able to construct a picture of the role of St Mary's in the local community from its construction in the 11th Century through to its decline in the late 19th Century

- **Small Dean Lane and A413** – Network Rail site clearance, traffic management, ground investigation works, utility trial holes and vegetation clearance are all underway (see photos).



- **Archaeology works at Memorial Wood** and nighttime vegetation clearance at London Road have been completed. Ellesborough Rd/Nash Lee temporary roads are to be built from June-October and HS2 has issued a revised Temporary Disturbance Policy for residents who are badly affected by the works. Check out the policy on our website www.whs2.org.

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Mitigating against noise, water, traffic, environmental & community damage caused by HS2