

Ellesborough Road diversion

The diversion of Ellesborough Road was still expected to be brought into use during February at the time of writing, despite some last-minute issues. We are concerned about the need for more warning signs to alert motorists about the sharp right hand bend just after the bridge over the bypass, and we have alerted Bucks Council Highways, which will undertake a Road Safety Audit before the new road is opened.

Small Dean Viaduct progressing

A permanent 40 mph speed limit has been introduced just south of the Wendover Bypass as part of the realignment of the A413. HS2 has started work to build the viaduct piers in the space now available between the Chiltern Line railway and the road.



Photo: Murray Cooke

A413 realignment January 2024

Completion of the first pier was rescheduled for February, and should be complete by the time you read this. The pier is very visible right beside the A413 and gives an indication of the huge scale of the eventual viaduct.

HS2's animation of how the viaduct will be built is available at <https://tinyurl.com/sdv2023video>. The steel deck sections have now arrived from France and work has started to weld them together before being launched over the piers next year.

Green Tunnel cutting excavation

HS2 is expecting to start further excavation for the green tunnel between Ellesborough Road and Folly Bridge alongside the bypass during March, once the weather improves. This is subject to Environment Agency approvals being granted, and should not cause significant extra noise or dust at the Station Approach Business Park.



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Building the Utility Bridge at Ellesborough Road

Cutting through Ellesborough Road and onwards south to Bacombe Lane is still delayed due to the need for utility companies to divert their services. Preparations for the second bridge to carry the Thames Water main and sewage pipes were completed in January, and the bridge should be completed by March.

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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