

HS2 Planning Submissions

Buckinghamshire Council are still considering HS2's design for the Green Tunnel and North Cutting north of Ellesborough Road, which we understand has been delayed due to lack of information about the water and drainage issues. You can see our joint response with the Parish Council about our main concerns on the website whs2.org. One of these is the lack of definition about how the land will be reused once the Green Tunnel has been built. There are landscaping proposals for about 25 acres, but we would like your feedback about how the area should be used. Should it become parkland, sports facilities, or a nature reserve? Please use the survey at www.whs2.org/survey.htm to give us your opinion.

We're also expecting the plans for the Small Dean Viaduct and Embankment to be submitted very soon. These will be available on the Buckinghamshire Council/AVDC Planning Applications website (just search for "HS2").

Small Dean Works starting up

There's evidence that the main civil

Photos (clockwise from top) show a view north to Grove Farm, chalk stockpiled at Bacombe Lane and a dump truck at Small Dean.



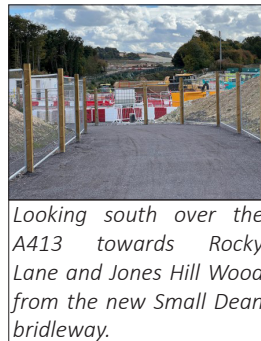
engineering works are getting started in the Small Dean area. There has been considerable excavation at Small Dean Lane for the "Mass Haul Road" used to move spoil north as far as Stoke Mandeville. Large dump trucks carrying up to 45 tons of material are already moving spoil up to Grove Farm and Bacombe Lane, and we will see much more of this when the conveyor over the A413 starts operating.

Now that piling has been completed for the Wendover Dean Viaduct, foundations preparations are also visible for the works on the Small Dean Viaduct, with installation of Bentonite tanks beside the A413. These provide "drilling mud" to manage the groundwater in the 50 metre deep holes needed for the piles to support the viaduct piers.



Drilling mud tanks beside the A413 Small Dean Viaduct site.

One of HS2's "undertakings" was to ensure that bridleway access could be maintained up Small Dean Lane to allow pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders to access Dunsmore. That has now been opened around the work compound site, and it provides vistas of where the viaduct and embankment are going to be built. The bridleway crosses



Looking south over the A413 towards Rocky Lane and Jones Hill Wood from the new Small Dean bridleway.

the haul road, so there are traffic marshals to ensure public safety during dump truck working hours.

The most disruptive works have been the overnight closures of the A413 with trees and other vegetation being removed from both sides of the road to accommodate the s-bend realignment of the road around the viaduct piers. Having cleared the areas, the next step will be the diversion of underground water mains and telecomms cable ducts which will inevitably mean more closures of the road until the end of the year.

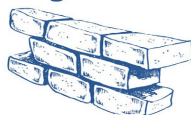
We have been pushing EKFB to improve the roadside advanced warning signage and diversion routes for light vehicles but the current situation is still causing delays and frustration for motorists according to the feedback on social media. Please make use of the HS2 Helpdesk (which is available 24 hours a day) on 08081 434 434 to register your complaints! Demand a case reference number to ensure that your issue is logged, and hopefully we can get things improved if there's a volume of complaints so they can't ignore the issues.

Want to get involved?

If you would like to help us "Do what's right for Wendover", have a look at our website whs2.org where you'll find details of what we're doing. 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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