

Green Tunnel excavation started

Following the Environment Agency’s approval of HS2’s plan for protecting the Coombe Hill Aquifer, excavation of the Green Tunnel foundations started in August, and the position of the track is now becoming clearly visible (see photo). Excavation of the



North Cutting up to Nash Lee Road will start next year, following the installation of the tanking wall to stop aquifer water pouring into the works.

Wendover HS2 Mitigation Action Group is following up assurances from HS2 about the effectiveness of its aquifer mitigation scheme and there will be regular public updates about the works.

Ellesborough Road diversion

Utility works are continuing at Ellesborough Road to divert services over the temporary Bailey bridge to enable the Green Tunnel cutting works. Underground BT and electricity cables were installed in August to replace overhead cabling (see photo). While



progress is being made, there will be more closures of Ellesborough Road needed to enable the “tie-ins” to the existing carriageways. HS2 is now estimating that the new road will open in November, but this is not yet confirmed.

A413 Small Dean closures

During October we’re expecting more overnight road closures preparing for “east” realignment of the carriageway. This is to allow piling works to be undertaken for the viaduct piers, and about half of that work had been done at the end of August. Drainage,

kerbing and tie-ins to the existing carriageways are needed before the tarmac gets laid, and HS2 is still hoping that traffic will divert onto the new road later this year.

Another phase of roadworks will then start to realign the A413 “west” to enable completion of the piling works next year.

Bacombe Lane crossing

During August the conveyor over the A413 started to be used in earnest, and spoil was transferred across the road to start building the Small Dean North Embankment next to the A413 Wendover Bypass at Grove Farm. The next stage will be to move spoil further north with dump trucks crossing Bacombe Lane for a period of about 18 months. A reinforced crossing point for the “haul road” has been built with protection for the underground utilities, and traffic lights are due to be installed soon (see photo).



Community support

We’re also working with the Parish Council and HS2 on projects to improve the water levels in Hampden Pond, with a planned public meeting in October. See the back page for details.

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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