

A413 traffic rerouted

In September the piling works for the last pier of the Small Dean Viaduct started, following realignment of the A413 to create a safe working space.



The road currently bends sharply around the site, but this will be smoothed out following the completion of the viaduct deck next year. The 40mph speed limit will be retained, however. The three inverted triangular structures in the middle of the photograph above are the completed piers which will eventually support the viaduct.

Dump trucks at Ellesborough Road

The "haul road" is now operational, with dump trucks moving clay from Small Dean to an area just north of Ellesborough Road, and this



will probably continue to the end of next year. The massive Volvo dump trucks can carry up to 60 tons of spoil and are surprisingly quiet. However, the tracks of the bulldozers used to level out the stockpile are certainly audible in Wendover when the wind is from the west. Monitoring of the noise, vibration, and air quality is undertaken at Ellesborough Road and so far the results are within the limits agreed with the council.

During the dry period in September dust from the haul road was being managed by damping it down with water from special 27,000 litre off-road tankers. During wet weather the haul road surface would be damaged by the weight of the trucks, so we're expecting a winter break from November until April.

Green Tunnel decision

The contract for the construction of the Wendover Green Tunnel was reviewed last year, and now, 15 months later, we understand that HS2 has decided to continue using EKFB, instead of handing the job over to Align JV as had been rumoured. This is probably good news, as we were concerned about the overall project delays that could be introduced in managing the handover.

We're awaiting the details of the construction timescales but expect that it might not start until 2026 and could then take two years to finish.

What's not happening...

There are two community issues that have slipped and now have undefined timescales. Firstly the traffic lights on Ellesborough Road are still in place six months after the opening of the diversion. There's no date from UK Power Networks about when it is going to finish moving the sub-station and underground cable that are causing the need for one way traffic management.

Secondly, we were disappointed to learn that the works in the fields at the end of Dobbins Lane have been delayed due to lack of planning permission, and consequently the burying of the water pipe there has also been delayed to coincide with the other works.

Want to know more?

You will be able to put questions to the local HS2 Community Engagement team when they bring their Mobile Visitor Centre van to the Local Produce Market on the Manor Waste on **Saturday 19 October**, between 10:00 and 14:00.

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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