



Wendover after HS2 Have your Say!

21st November '25
Wendover Memorial Hall



Agenda



- HS2 – The big picture
- What this means for Wendover
- What we've been doing
- Future options and feedback
- Questions
- Information Tables



Greg Smith MP

Parliamentary Member for Mid Buckinghamshire



HS2 Reset – The test track

- HS2's new priority is to establish a 50-mile test track between the Wendover Green Tunnel and Washwood Heath
- Integration testing of the trains with the track and operational control centre
- We envisage the target –
 - Demonstrable test trains running by December 2028





What this means for Wendover



- Green Tunnel is a “critical path” structure
- South of the test track now has lower priority

- Nash Lee Road bridge
- Wendover North Cutting
- Small Dean Viaduct and Embankment
- Bowood Lane bridge
- Landscaping

Completion
in 2027?

2029?

See the HS2 and EKFB presentation boards

What we've been doing, 2024-25



- Water
 - Coombe Hill aquifer and the North Cutting Wall
 - Dobbins Lane and the Spring Chamber site access



- Noise
 - Modelling mitigation for the louder trains



- Traffic
 - Avoiding A413 road closures



- Environment
 - Resolving construction impacts
 - Land Restoration strategy



- Community
 - Monthly updates on the reality
 - Answering your enquiries



Wendover after HS2

Looking Forward

Future Options and Community Feedback

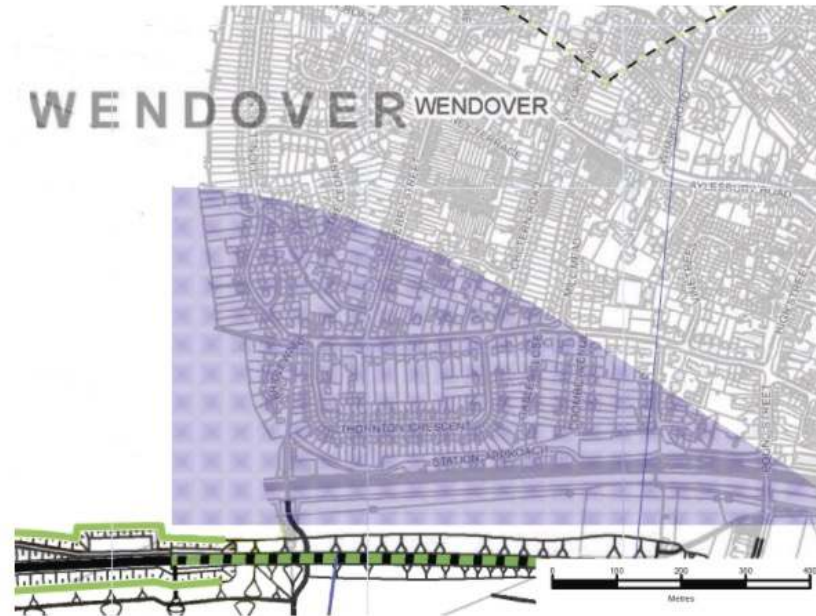
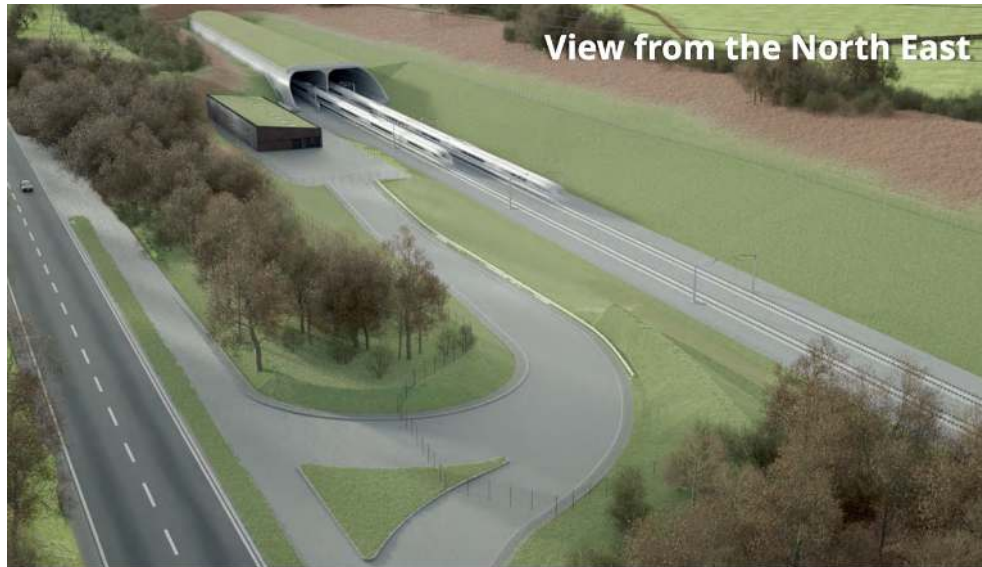


Looking forward – Future Options



- We need your feedback about options in three areas
 - Train Noise Mitigation
 - Ellesborough Road Re-Instatement
 - The Old Cricket Ground
- Please complete the Questionnaires
 - During the presentation, and
 - Further information at the breakout tables

Noise from North Portal / North Cutting



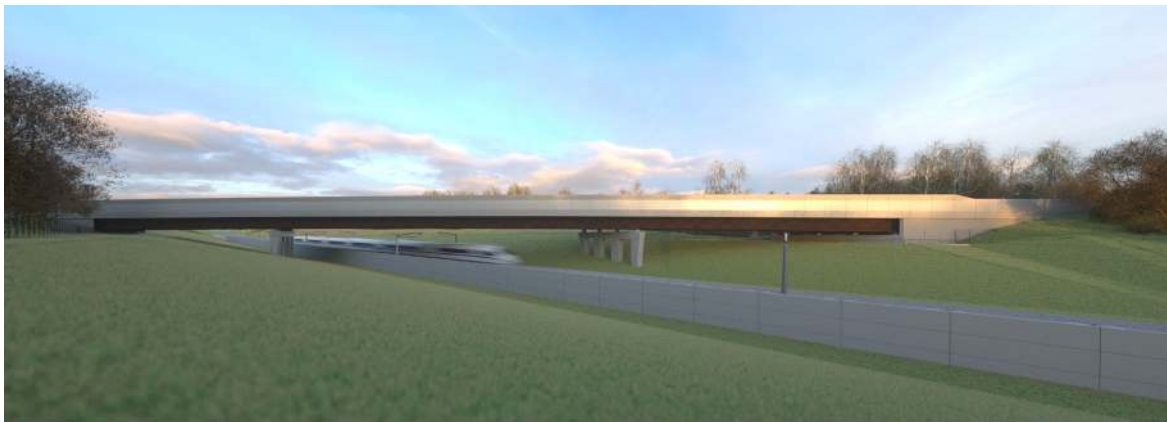
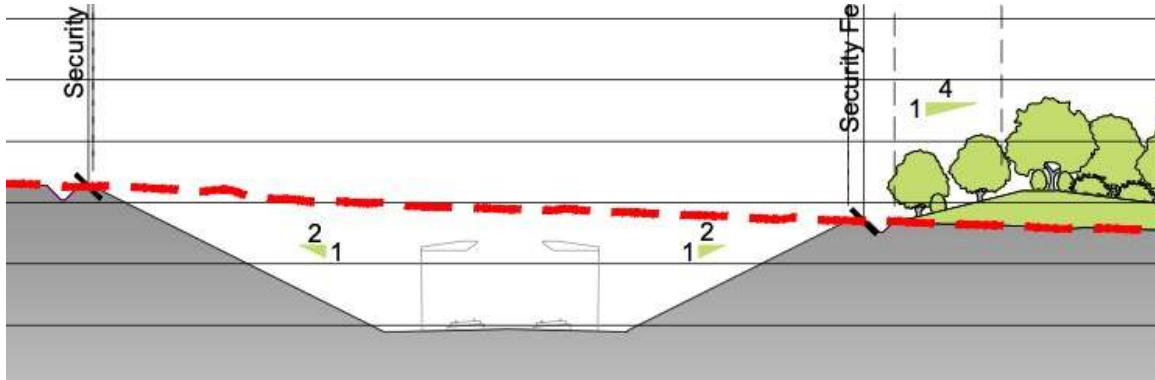
- N Wendover homes affected from North Portal area
- Options to reduce day and nighttime impact

Noise – What's changed

- The trains are going to be noisier
 - Pantograph issues
- HS2 speed reduction at night to cope
 - Daytime will be noisier than before
- We're seeking a 7dB improvement
 - HS2 still expect 312 homes over 60dB target
 - Reduce the nuisance to normal Wendover Bypass levels

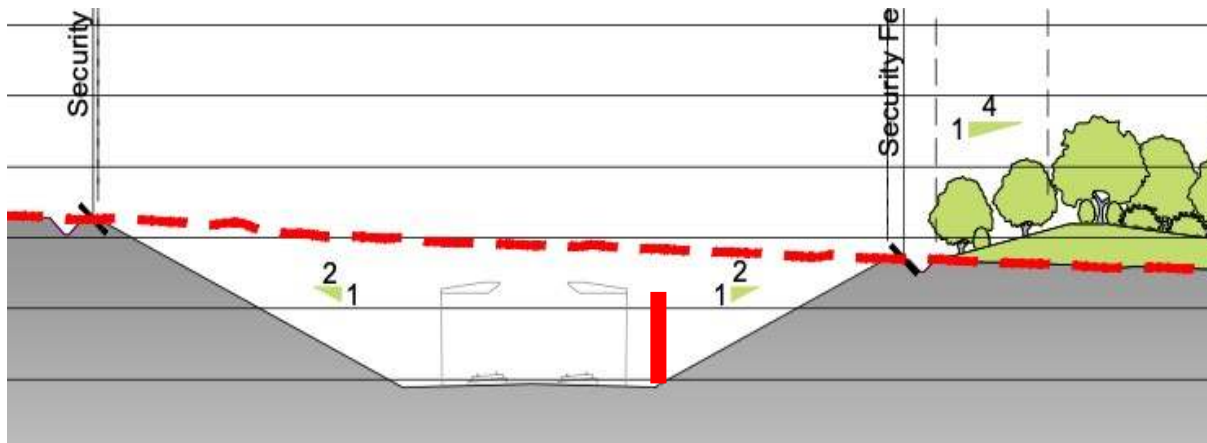


Do Nothing – The HS2 proposal



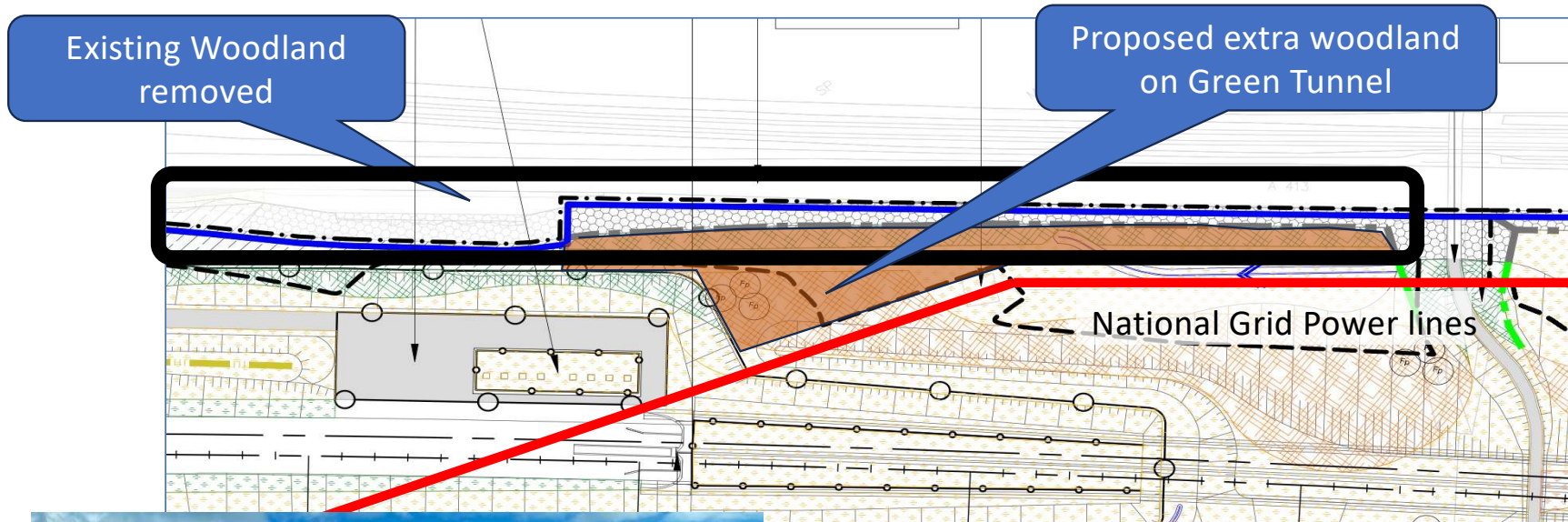
- Simple cutting with 1 in 2 slopes
- Up to 67dB noise
- 312 houses affected in North Wendover

Proposal part 1 – Trackside Noise Barrier



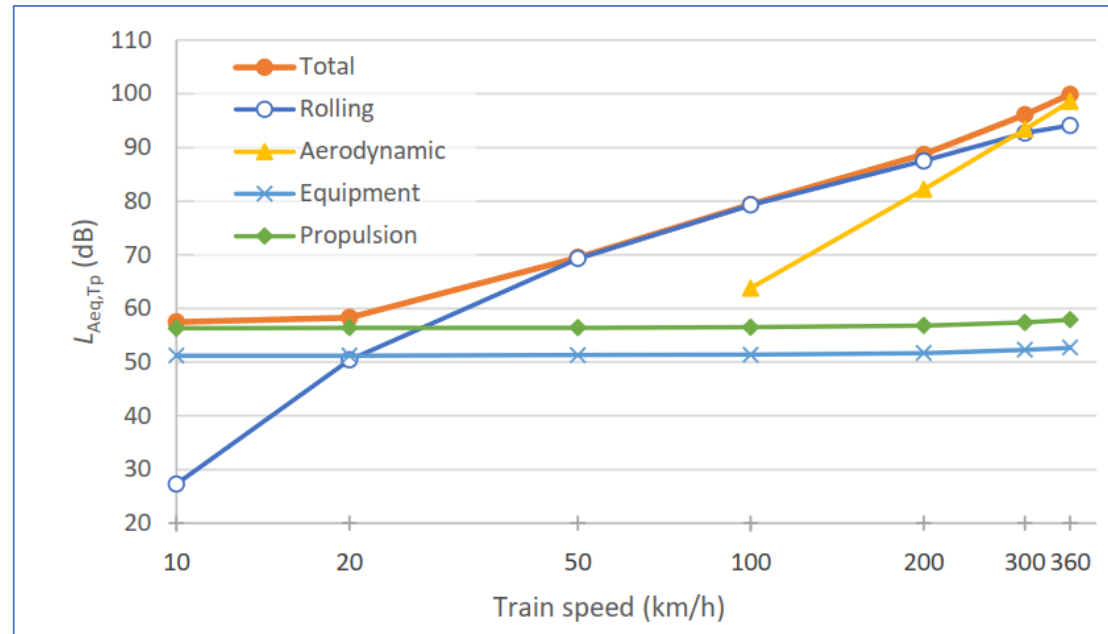
- Cutting as currently designed
- Addition of 4m high noise barrier now, or later
- ~ 2-3 dB improvement

Proposal part 2 – Green Tunnel Trees



- Dense woodland absorbs sound
- Replace removed trees
- ~ 5 dB improvement once mature

Proposal part 3 – Slow down the trains



- Could be adjusted once real trains are tested
- Further 30kph reduction would give ~ 2dB improvement

Source: HS2 Learning Legacy, Nov '24



Our 3-part proposal

Feature	Impact	Timing	Benefit
Trackside barrier	Acoustic diffraction	Ideally during Civils	2-3dB
Green Tunnel trees	Absorption	Plant now +15 years' growth	0-5dB
Slower trains	Reduce noise at source	Adjust after testing	2dB

- 3 Independent factors can be added to get to 7dB
- Tree factor grows in step with future HS2 train services



Land Restoration

Opportunities and Community Feedback



The Issues

- HS2 have 2018 AONB Design Principles
- Bucks Council powers are limited, and approved “indicative” designs in 2022
- Detailed designs currently being generated (Q2 2026) could be materially different
- The Community has limited opportunity to influence the outcome;

TELL US WHAT YOU WANT – NOW’S THE CHANCE!



- *Overarching ..principle is the conservation and enhancement of the distinctive and nationally recognised landscape....*
- *“Wendover....a major new ecological corridor”*
- *“a new 2km cycle link”*



Remember these ?

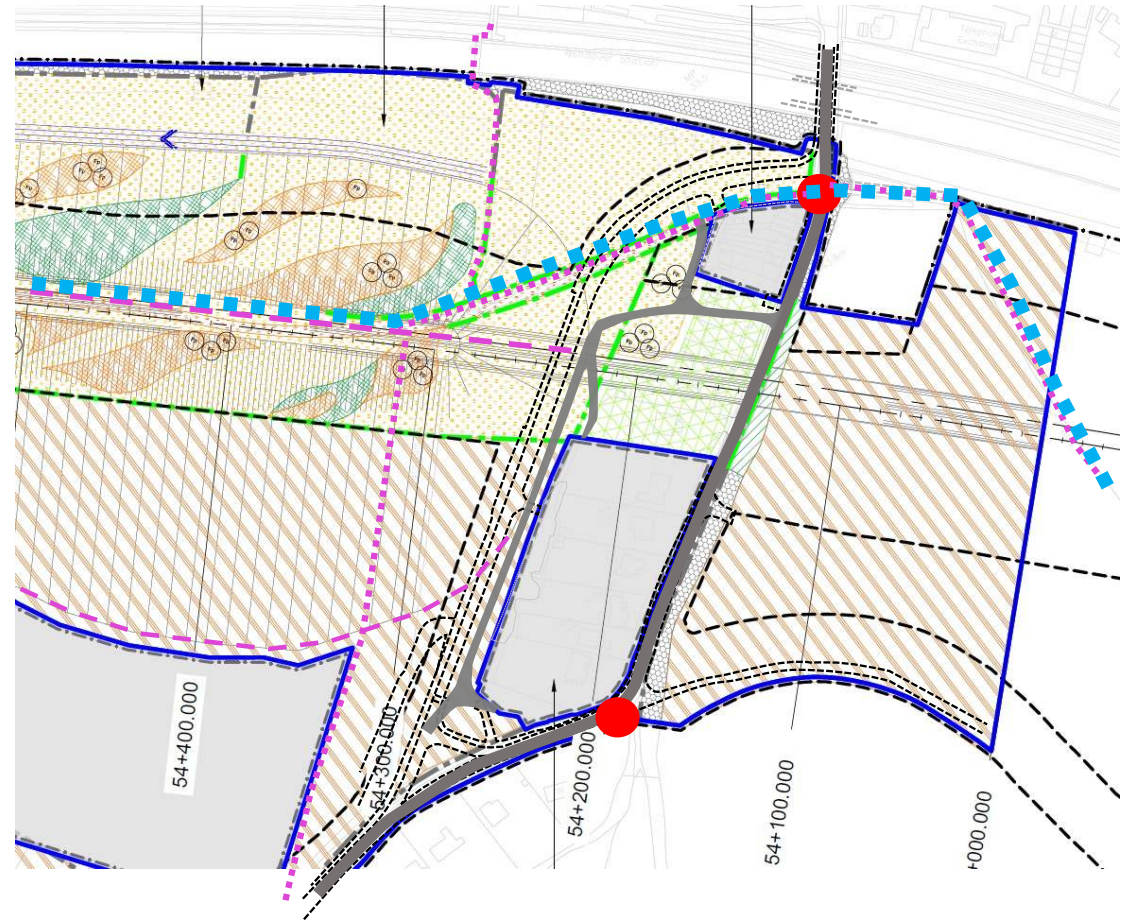


What we have now



What the approved plans say





Areas Community Might Influence

- Route of Footpath from the Village to Ridgeway
- Ellesborough Road crossing
- Parking for Ridgeway ?
- Planting schemes
- Green Cycle Way Link

Ellesborough Road
as it was



Planting Scheme
(AONB Design
Principles)





The Old Cricket Ground What do we want ?



Re-Use of the Old Cricket Ground



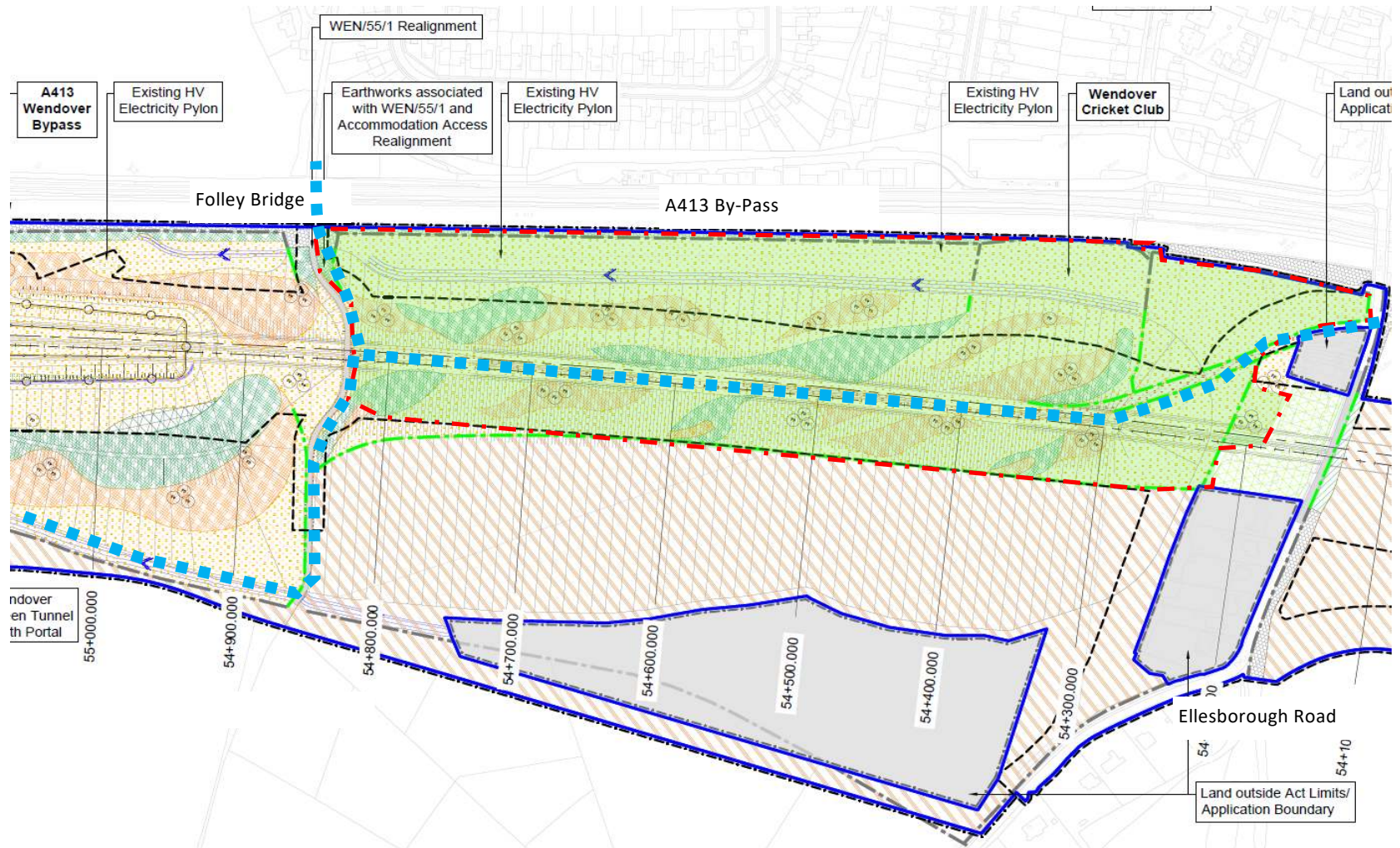
- Land currently taken by HS2
- < 20 acres 
- Opportunity for development
- Proposals welcome for a community asset





Re-Use of the Old Cricket Ground

Extracted from
Schedule 17
Landscape Planting
Scheme – with
potential Greenway
Cycle Route





Summary



Noise
Mitigation

Ellesborough
Road

Old Cricket
Ground

- This is the right time to influence the final state
- Tell us what you think
 - Noise, Ellesborough Road, Old Cricket Ground, and Anything Else tables
 - Questionnaires or email enquiries@whs2.org
- Volunteers welcome to help develop the Land Restoration campaign



Any Questions?



Thanks for coming!

Further information available from

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and join our emailing list.