



ITEM 9a – WENDOVER HS2 MAG

HS2 Monthly Report, November '25

Works update

- We expect that Bucks Council will approve the revised Spring Chamber planning application (PL/25/4131/FA) with access from Nash Lee End, with a decision this month. We have had no response to our joint letter to Bucks Council detailing our support with minor technical reservations.
- EKFB expect to restart work in January to install a temporary access from the A413 to allow completion of the North Section of the Green Tunnel. Our request for 300m of fencing to provide noise and visual mitigation where the protected tree line was removed has been rejected with no reason given. Bucks Council, despite chasing, has not responded nor indicated their support of our position. Meanwhile some residents have reported increased noise and light pollution.
- HS2 have announced that completing the track north of the Green Tunnel is a priority to allow the testing of the new trains. The civil engineering works south of the Green Tunnel will be slowed down as reduced priority and those works are now planned to continue into 2028 with landscaping in 2029. However, we understand that the final landscaping plans will be submitted to Bucks Council for approval in mid 2026.

Parish Council activity

- A Public Meeting was held to provide an update on the project and gain community feedback on three aspects; being the Ellesborough Road reinstatement, the redevelopment of the Old Cricket Ground, and North Wendover Noise Mitigation. About 160 people attended the meeting in the Memorial Hall and feedback is being collected until the end of this month to inform our response to HS2. Our thanks go to Councillors Thornton and Tipper for assistance in developing the presentations and to the Clerk for handling the meeting arrangements.
- Further joint WPC/WHS2 consultations with Ellesborough Road and Bacombe Lane residents are expected in forthcoming weeks as a result.
- Following our request to Bucks Council that WPC gains early access to the draft plans a meeting was held with the new Bucks Council Service Director. This concluded that while pre-application discussions between the Council and HS2 are confidential, that we could be informed of the likely schedule of discussions and create timely briefing for Council Officers about Wendover Community preferences.
- Arrangements are being made with Greg Smith's office for a return visit by Mark Wild, the HS2 Chief Executive to review progress with the Parish Council in January.

Public queries

- Five public enquiries processed this month, mainly about the Public Meeting.

25th November '25
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