

Wendover after HS2 Have your Say – Community Feedback

1) Background

There were over 150 attendees at the Public Meeting on 21st November 2025 convened by Wendover Parish Council and the Wendover HS2 Mitigation Action Group. This was to inform the community of latest HS2 developments and to seek community feedback on three specific areas of noise mitigation, landscape reinstatement and land re-use. We're grateful for the 103 responses to the questionnaire that the residents could complete. This note summarises the responses received.

2) Public Responses

2.1) Noise Mitigation

It was explained to the community that if the current situation persisted then there was limited noise mitigation anticipated in the Wendover North Cutting despite the “undertakings and assurances” in the HS2 act. The alternative was for WHS2 to continue to push for trackside noise barriers, tree planting and some further speed reductions to ensure the impact of noise was properly mitigated. Of 103 respondents 97% want WHS2 to continue to push for this.

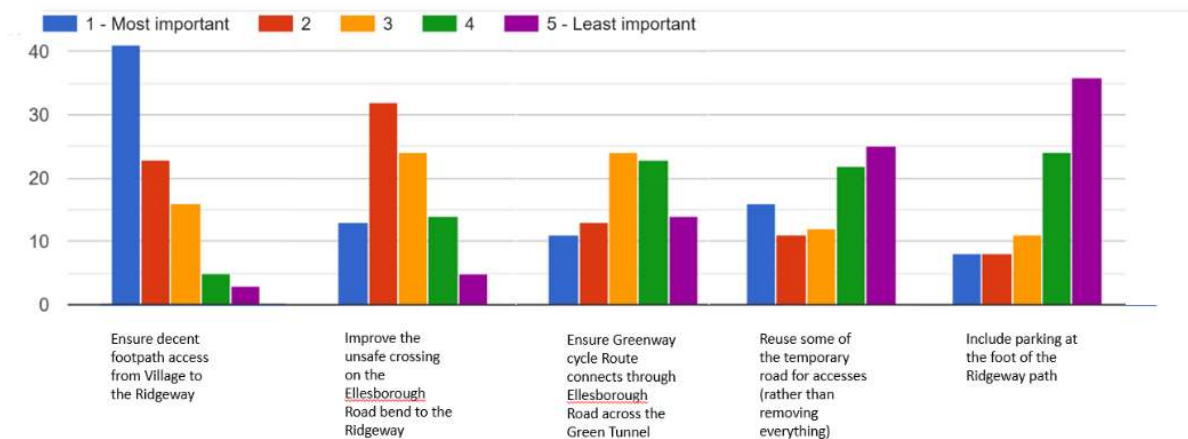


HS2 visualisation of the noise barriers at the south Green Tunnel portal

2.2) Ellesborough Road Re-instatement and Landscaping

The current plans for reinstatement of Ellesborough Road which envisages complete removal of the temporary roads and no enhancement of footpaths and accesses. The community were asked to rank some potential improvements in order of importance to them.

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The responses reflected that the community have mixed views, but the majority clearly wish for enhanced footpath access from the village to the Ridgeway and not just accept that the old road and footpath will be reinstated with no improvement.

2.3) Re-Use of the Old Cricket Ground Area

We received 64 written responses. A significant majority (75%) support plans to re-wild the area with tree planting and bushes together with some form of community asset. Tree planting would also provide significant enhancement. Many mentioned allotments, albeit the reality is that village already supports three allotment areas. A significant portion (15%) mentioned that part of the area could be used for a much needed football pitch and subsequent approaches have also been made by Mid Bucks County Bee Keepers who are seeking a permanent apiary on a small patch of land.

2.4) Detailed Comments

Many people took the trouble to write their additional comments on the back of the questionnaire and the three key issues were Land Restoration, Noise, and the threat of “Grey Belt” housing development.

3) Next Steps

WHS2 will share these summary consultation results with the Community along with Bucks Council and HS2/EKFB.

We also intend over the next six months:

- i) Increase our efforts to secure noise mitigation
- ii) Consult further with Bucks Council and HS2 regarding enhanced footpath and cycle access on Ellesborough Road and consult further with those residents affected
- iii) Draft up (via the Parish Council) a formal proposal for re-use of the old Cricket ground following further consultation with interested parties (including the Chiltern Society, Wendover Cricket Club and others)

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