

Wendover Parish Council HS2 Monthly Report, December '25

Works update

- Bucks Council approved the revised Spring Chamber planning application (PL/25/4131/FA) with access from Nash Lee End. Work is expected to start in the Spring, including the removal of the fencing in the field behind Lionel Avenue and Bridleways.
- Over the Christmas holiday EKFB installed parapets on the Small Dean Viaduct above the Chiltern Line. A full overnight closure of the A413 is expected on eight weekday nights, probably in early February.
- A weekend closure of the Wendover bypass is expected in February to allow the new access track from the A413 to the worksite for completion of the North Section of the Green Tunnel.
- A meeting was held with EKFB's designers about the draft highways and landscaping plans for Ellesborough Road and Baccombe Lane areas. Our request for re-instatement of the WEN/11 path from the Cricket Ground to Ellesborough Road on its original route has been rejected and a compromise of using a new track behind the houses is being considered. The request from Baccombe Lane for a "permissive path" on the original route of the WEN/14 path to South Street has also been turned down on grounds that HS2 design principles reject any need for steps on the Rights of Way. We understand that the final landscaping plans will be submitted to Bucks Council for approval in mid 2026.
- We are expecting details of HS2's revised construction plans following the "Programme Reset" being undertaken by CEO Mark Wild. He had previously indicated a willingness to hold an update with Greg Smith and Wendover in late 2025, but this now predicted to happen in March.

Bucks Council activity

- Following our meeting with the new Bucks Council Service Director we received responses to letters submitted to the Council in October, which stated the formal position that the Parish Council will only see HS2 landscaping plans once they have been formally submitted. We had discussed the possibility of timely briefing for Council Officers about Wendover Community preferences, and a positive outcome is that we are due to meet the key officers on 22nd January.

Parish Council activity

- Results of the Public Consultation from the November Public Meeting have been analysed and published on the WHS2 website (<https://www.whs2.org/251216%20Public%20Meeting%20Feedback%20Report.pdf>)
- Councillor Atwell attended a site visit to see EKFB's significant progress on the Wendover Green Tunnel in the 12 months since they received formal approval from HS2 to actually build it.

Public queries

- Seven public enquiries processed this month, making a total of 75 handled in 2025