



ITEM 9a – WENDOVER HS2 MAG

HS2 Monthly Report, Jan 2026

Works update

- Work has started creating the foundations for the fourth (final) phase of the Green Tunnel between Bacombe Lane and Ellesborough Road.
- A weekend closure of the Wendover bypass is expected from 7th to 9th February for the new temporary access road from the A413 to the worksite for completion of the North Section of the Green Tunnel. Traffic will be diverted through Wendover.
- There will be weekday overnight closures of the A413 at Small Dean from 16th to 28th February to allow the installation of parapet walls on the Viaduct above the highway.
- We are expecting a follow-up meeting with HS2 CEO Mark Wild in March. In preparation for that a Noise Mitigation review is planned in February to consider changes needed at the Green Tunnel North Portal following a redesign of the HS2 trains which will make them noisier.
- HS2 have made available an online website created to provide details of Public Rights of Way affected by the HS2 construction at <https://tinyurl.com/WendoverPROWs>. Path signage is to be upgraded with a QR code enabling walkers to find their current position on the map and plan how to get to their destination despite the multiple path closures.

Bucks Council activity

- A review of the Community feedback from the November Public Meeting was held with senior Bucks Council Officers and Councillor Strachan to help them influence future HS2 planning discussions. Quarterly management reviews are planned, with monthly progress tracking on issues.

Parish Council activity

- WPC responded to the revised “Schedule 17” Planning Application for the HS2 “Package 1” section between Missenden and Wendover Dean; pointing out that the Noise Prediction was based on out of date train parameters. Based on WHS2 modelling we anticipate that the noise levels will actually be higher than these predictions, and that Bucks Council should demand future submissions to use the new values. Revised designs for “Package 3” (Small Dean) and “Package 4” (Nash Lee) are being developed now with submission expected this summer.
- A meeting was held with a group of Ellesborough Road residents who have consolidated their local suggestions about how the area should be restored when the Green Tunnel is completed.

Public queries

- Three public enquiries processed this month, including a report of EKFB staff parking overnight at Bacombe Lane

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