

HS2 update



Small Dean Viaduct with parapets installed, giving an early impression of how the viaduct will look when they are installed over the main road. Photo: Murray Cooke



Small Dean Viaduct parapet walls

Over the Christmas holiday EKFB installed parapet walls on the sides of the Small Dean Viaduct above the Chiltern Line. [Photo 1] Full overnight closures of the A413 are expected when the walls are extended over the road. This is being planned on eight weekday nights during the last fortnight in February.

Wendover Green Tunnel access

Work has begun on a new temporary access

track from the A413 which is needed to finish the northern end of the Green Tunnel structure.

This will involve a full closure of the Wendover Bypass for a weekend, with traffic diverted through the village. The timing has not yet been decided but will probably be in

late February or early March.

Spring Chamber Planning Application

As expected, Bucks Council approved the revised 'Spring Chamber' planning application with site access across the fields next to Kings Farm Shop at Nash Lee End, rather than the original Dobbins Lane proposal.

Work is expected to start in the spring, and should take up to three months. This will include the removal of the fencing in the fields behind Lionel Avenue and Bridleways.

'Wendover after HS2'

The community feedback from the November Public Meeting has been analysed and a report is available on our website tinyurl.com/lifeafterHS2.

The key points are an overwhelming preference for more train noise mitigation and ensuring a decent footpath between Wendover and the Ridgeway, with a safe crossing of Ellesborough Road. There was also strong objection to providing more car parking for Ridgeway/Coombe Hill visitors. We're already talking to HS2 and Bucks Council about these points.

At the old Cricket Ground site there was strong preference for a 'community asset,' and we will be consulting with various local groups that have suggested new uses for the area. HS2 is interested in hearing from us what the community would like, but it has not yet decided how much land will be returned from public ownership.

Issues with HS2?

If you're affected by the construction activity, please contact the HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 (which is available 24 hours a day) or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk to get your issues resolved. It helps if you have photographic evidence and please get a complaint reference number so that we can follow up issues as needed.

Need our help?

If you need further help, want to join us, or have ideas and suggestions that would mitigate the community impact, then get in touch at enquiries@whs2.org.



This photo, taken by Murray Cooke, shows how sections of the green tunnel are backfilled with crushed rock after a layer of waterproofing is fixed to the assembled pre-cast segments. The backfilling needs to be very carefully managed as it ultimately adds greatly to the strength of the structure.