

## **Wendover Parish Council HS2 Report, July '26**

### **Works update**

Installation of large concrete parapet walls at the Rocky Lane bridge requires full closure of the road until 10<sup>th</sup> August, with traffic being diverted via Frith Hill at Great Missenden

The concrete shell of the Wendover Green Tunnel has now passed the old Ellesborough Road alignment and completion of the final "Phase 4" is expected by the end of October. Backfilling of Phases 1 to 3 is progressing, and work has started on the foundations for the acoustic hoods at each end of the tunnel.

### **Bucks Council**

- A quarterly review was held with senior BC officers, which focussed on lack of detail emerging from HS2/EKFB about revisions to their Landscaping and Highways designs. BC subsequently reported that they had agreed the plans for permanent access to Boswell's Estate which enables EKFB to conclude the realignment of the A413 and associated cycleway at Small Dean.

### **HS2 Land Restoration / Wendover Link**

BC and HS2 are due to convene an Active Travel Workshop involving WHS2/WPC which is due to look at the detail of the cycle ways and Public Rights of Way reinstatement as part of the pre-app process before the end of August;

In the meantime, WHS2 requested Schedule 4 detail drawings showing the Ellesborough Road and Bacombe Lane reinstatement and these have just been received from BC. They show that the design has not progressed since Dec'25. WHS2 intend to repeat their detailed feedback.

In addition, a briefing paper about community requirements for the restoration of Public Rights of Way has been produced to brief Bucks Council officers prior to their discussions with EKFB about the revised designs for the "Nash Lee" and "Small Dean" sections of the railway.

Further discussions regarding the provision of a recreational space / football field indicate that WPC preference is to now look at locations adjacent to the new cricket ground and HS2 are not likely to pursue the provision of a ground in the "Wendover Link". HS2 have indicated that there may be opportunities for the football club to secure some CEF funding for such an alternative location. This probably needs follow up by WPC rather than WHS2.

### **HS2 Noise Mitigation**

- Following our direct appeal to HS2 CEO Mark Wild we have received a rejection to our request for a trackside noise barrier at the North Cutting, but now have an opportunity to discuss other potential noise mitigation options with HS2 and EKFB designers.

### **Public queries**

Five public enquiries processed this month, including the visual impact of the Small Dean Embankment and a query about potential rat-running traffic due to HS2 construction works.