

Getting ready for the dump trucks

The last section of the "haul road" under the Ellesborough Road bridge was being excavated as we go to press, with the rest of the route between Small Dean and Stoke Mandeville now visible. There is about 600,000 tons of spoil that need to be moved north, so even with the largest dump trucks we're expecting thousands of round trips moving on the HS2 excavation route alongside Wendover from July.



Haul road excavation under the Ellesborough Road bridge



Haul road beside the bypass

Works at Dobbins Lane

The excavation of an underground water chamber in the fields at the end of Dobbins Lane has been delayed, and is now expected to happen in September. When the diggers are on site, the new drainage pipe reported last month is also to be buried. This will allow the removal of the security fencing that caused several complaints from Lionel

Avenue residents at a recent meeting held with HS2. The meeting was to inform the local community about the "12 round trips per day" heavy goods vehicle movements planned along South Street and Dobbins Lane. We've raised our concern about the likely state of the roads following the works with Bucks Council.

Future of HS2?

With the announcement of the General Election, it is not currently clear what the new Government's attitude will be towards progressing HS2. In the absence of an HS2 Minister the "six-monthly update to parliament" didn't happen. A number of significant procurement contracts are due to be placed in September, including the track and overhead catenary high voltage power systems. Our working assumption is that these will go ahead.

Meanwhile HS2 and its contractors have withdrawn from public events until the election is over. We are still able to talk to Bucks Council and have been discussing various road traffic issues as well as what will happen to the land that HS2 will dispose of when it's finished. We plan to give an update on all the above at the **Public Meeting in the Wendover Memorial Hall on Friday 28 June at 19:00.**



Haul road from Small Dean to Bacombe Lane.
All photographs by Murray Cooke.

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.

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The usual page about HS2 by contractor EKFB is not appearing this month, because this edition is being published during the General Election period.

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