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HS2 Update

North Chilterns Area | December 2021

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. We are following Government and Public Health England (PHE) advice on working safely during the pandemic. As we increase face to face engagement, in addition to virtual engagement, we will ensure all events and meetings adhere to the guidelines. The health and safety of our workforce and the communities we work within is our priority. If you have any questions about this, please contact our Helpdesk to find out more. We will be keeping our local website www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk up to date with information on our works in the local area.

Update on our continuing works

Over the next couple of months, you can expect to see the following works in the local area;

- Ground Investigation (GI) and utility trial hole works;
- Topography surveys;
- A413 Watermain protection works south of Wendover;
- Demolition of a small bridge over the Chiltern Rail line;
- Demolition of properties on Ellesborough Road;
- Security gatehouse development work in Great Missenden;
- 12 month microbore tunnel for drainage at Great Missenden;
- Haul road progression across the area with crossing point locations in operation allowing safe vehicle access
- Excavation, movement and storage of earthworks;
- Several breaks from highway in the area to allow access for our work sites;
- Start of temporary road diversions for Nash Lee Road, Nash Lee Lane, Ellesborough Road and Bacombe lane, Wendover ;
- Piling and preliminary works for our main structures including the Wendover Dean Viaduct and the Small Dean Viaduct;
- Clearance work and sheet piling along the network rail line.



Join us ...

Drop-in sessions

In line with current Government guidelines, we are gradually reintroducing face to face events and engagement. The safety of our communities, stakeholders and staff remains a priority and we will ensure all events and engagement activities are Covid safe.

Please contact the HS2 Helpdesk or visit hs2.org.uk/events for more information on events in your area.

www.hs2.org.uk/events



Compound Updates

Our compounds throughout the North Chilterns Area are all progressing.

We have a mix of main and smaller satellite compounds which you will see alongside our works area while we progress with our works. The batching plant which is based at the Green Tunnel Compound will become fully operational and provide concrete for the North Chilterns area. This will be transported along our internal access roads, keeping movements off the local road network.



As part of our compound set ups, our access road is progressing which will eventually link up all the compounds in the area.

Our at-grade crossing points will become operational and there may be some temporary traffic lights in use as we finalise our site access break from highways, final survey work and eventually implement our traffic lights for the points where our access road meets the local road network.

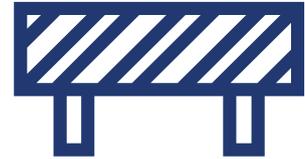


Above; example of batching plant silos

Temporary Diversions

In the new year works will start on the temporary diversion of Bacombe Lane, Ellesborough Road, Nash Lee Road and Nash Lee Lane.

These works will be undertaken 'offline' and will have no impact on the current road network until they are tied in. To reduce the impact on road users wherever possible these works will be undertaken overnight.



The diversions to Ellesborough Road and Bacombe Lane are to enable the construction of the 'cut and cover' green tunnel and the diversions to Nash Lee Road and Nash Lee Lane are to enable the construction of the new Nash Lee Road alignment and bridge over the HS2 line

Demolition update, Wendover

In Wendover, there are two locations left for demolition. The properties on Ellesborough Road are due for demolition to take place in the spring. There will be no impact to the road or footpath surrounding the properties. Our teams will access the area from our site access road at the rear of the properties to carry out the works.



At Small Dean there is a footbridge which passes over the Chiltern Line which is due to be demolished in December. It can only be demolished when we have possession from Network Rail. We also need to continue with our sheet piling and vegetation clearance in the area. For these works, Small Dean Lane will be closed and a diversion route will be in place via Dunsmore Lane.

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Piling in Wendover

We have locations across the area where we will need to have piling. We will be continuing with our sheet piling protection work on the Chiltern Line during the Christmas possession. In 2022 we intend to pile an initiate preliminary works for our main structures, Small Dean and Wendover Viaducts.



Above; photo of our over night piling works on the Chiltern Line

Engagement Strategy Update

In line with current Government guidelines and HS2's updated Community Engagement Strategy, we are gradually reintroducing face-to-face events and engagement. The safety of



our communities, stakeholders and staff remains a priority and we will ensure all events and engagement activities comply with Covid-19 guidelines.

Our locally based community teams will provide regular opportunities for you to speak to us both face-to-face and online. We will join existing community forums so that you can talk to us at local groups and events, and we will also meet with your local councils and representative members along the route to discuss community concerns.

Microbore Tunnel

At our Great Missenden site, the 12 month construction of the micro-bored tunnel is due to start in March 2022 when we will officially launch our tunnel boring machine (TBM).

The scale of the tunnel is much smaller than what is being used for the Chiltern tunnel and will be approximately 750m in length and 1.8m in diameter.

The tunnel is an integral part of the drainage system for the HS2 line and will take surface water from the rail line at South Heath, to a pond located adjacent to the A413. This clever piece of engineering will allow the water that runs off to be stored and released at a flow rate that will discharge into the pond at a manageable rate to mitigate any potential flood risk.

Name our TBM

Linking into our microbore tunnel, we have been working alongside the Misbourne School in Great Missenden to come up with a name the Tunnel Boring machine that we'll be using in Great Missenden.



We're delivering some engagement events in partnership with the school, which we're hoping will inspire a future generation of engineers and result in naming our TBM ready for use next year.

We'll keep you updated with what the students decide to name!

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Earthworks

2022 will see our main earthworks progress across the area from Great Missenden to Stoke Mandeville. The earthworks will consist of deep excavation, removal and movement of large quantities of soil. Additionally, we will be excavating the cutting for our internal haul road and the train line itself, removing and storing topsoil for the construction of our site access road.



To suppress dust generation from our articulated dump trucks, we will deploy tractors and bowsers to keep the area damp from South Heath to Rocky Lane. All stockpiles will also be sprayed and compacted to avoid any topsoil becoming loose. Once completed, the stockpiles will be seeded, irrigated and maintained to form a vegetation layer that helps to suppress noise.

Environmental advisors, construction supervisors and managers will undertake regular inspections to ensure that these measures are consistently in place. Works will also be closely monitored via the installation of noise monitoring equipment.

During Earthworks season, we may apply for a section 61 to allow us to work outside our core working hours. This is to maximise daylight and weather conditions.

Security Gatehouse

The security gatehouse in Great Missenden will become operational in early 2022 and will be in use only during working hours. The purpose of the gatehouse is to ensure all vehicles entering site have been booked in and are compliant with our code of practice. Any vehicles deemed non-compliant will be refused access and turned away at the haulier's expense. An example of a non-compliance would be if an arriving vehicle did not display the necessary HS2 signage in the vehicle's window.

The lighting for the gatehouse will only be on during operational hours and has been designed so that 95% of the light emitted is retained within the gatehouse complex.

The height of the lighting is lower than the street lights on the A413 London Road and has 25% less intensity.

Mobile Visitor Centre

In 2022, you can expect to see our new mobile visitor centre visiting a town near you! This specialised vehicle will enable us to increase the reach and visibility of our local engagement team, while giving communities a safe, comfortable space where they can find out more about the HS2 project and the work EKFB do.

Your local engagement manager will send out updates letting communities know where and when they will be visiting with our mobile visitor centre. If you have any suggested locations for us to visit, please let us know through the HS2 Helpdesk.



Your feedback matters to us...



HS2 Helpdesk is an email and freephone service available for all queries.



In your area, we are responding to queries in less than 4 days.

You said, we did...



"The lighting is too bright at your sites at night"

We recently delivered a route wide briefing on minimising lighting at our sites overnight and ensuring we abide to the Code of Construction Practice.



"Can you help us run a Covid-safe community event at Christmas?"

We provided mobile lighting for a Christmas shopping event in Bucks and a school fayre in Northants, so they could take place safely outside.

In the last 6 months, we received 127 complaints across our 80km section:



55%
Traffic and transport



20%
Construction sites & impacts

We also received 103 compliments from our local communities:



30%
Community meetings & engagement

45%
Community investment & volunteering

Frequently Asked Questions

Some of our most commonly asked questions in your area...

Q: I'm concerned about mud on my local roads from your construction sites.

A: We have a suite of road sweepers that are operational throughout our normal working hours, they cover our HGV routes as well as locations near our sites and compounds. Alongside this we have our Traffic Safety Control Officers who are on site daily, monitoring the road conditions, traffic congestion and more.

Q: Why are your worksites lit up at night?

A: We have 24/7 security at our construction sites and therefore we need appropriate lighting for the safety and welfare of our security staff. Where possible we switch off the majority of lights overnight and we ensure all lighting is correctly positioned and monitored in line with HS2's Code of Construction Practice.

Q: How can I get a quick response to a construction related query?

A: The HS2 Helpdesk is open 24 hours a day (08081 434 434 / HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk) and we thank you for raising your queries, comments and concerns with us – these allow us to improve how we work. In your area EKFB are now responding to your queries and complaints within 3.5 working days on average.

Community investment

Race the Trace 2021

Throughout September, our five delivery teams within EKFB participated in a 'Race the Trace' which saw teams "race" the 80km length of the HS2 trace, that EKFB are delivering.

The North Chilterns Area team earned the most points and raised over £1000 which was donated to Mind for better mental health, Buckinghamshire. On a whole, the teams managed to raise a staggering £6073 for local charities up and down the trace.

If you have a suggestion for volunteering or community investment, whether it be a spot of gardening or a careers talk, then please get in touch with our community engagement team.



We are keen to support with volunteering and fundraising work for local charities.

If you would like to know more then please contact the **HS2 Helpdesk**.

Supporting career and job fairs

By the time HS2 is complete, thousands of workers will have gained new skills and experience building the railway. The Project is helping to train the next generation of engineers and construction workers and giving unemployed people opportunities to work up and down the route. More than 20,000 people are now working on the High Speed Two project.

EKFB was proud to support a Career and Job Fair in Milton Keynes. We partnered with Plantforce, a leading construction equipment rental company, to bring along a virtual plant simulator for attendees to experience what it is like to operate construction machinery. We had experts from along the route of HS2 on hand to answer questions and queries.

"Thank you for helping to organise the team on Thursday. it was brilliant to show so much support from everyone. the apprentices were a brilliant addition, and the simulator was a huge hit! It was absolutely brilliant to even have the equipment for the students to try. It really added a different dynamic to the day." - Higher Education Liaison Officer



What else is happening in your area?

www.hs2.org.uk

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team

Our team is here to listen and respond to your enquiry, complaint or feedback to help us be a good neighbour.

You can contact our Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

Freephone: **08081 434 434**

Minicom: **08081 456 472**

Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Keep up-to-date with your local community website

To find out more about what's happening in your area and receive regular email updates, you can sign up to our local community websites at: www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk.

About our Community and Business Funds

We are offering two funds that are available to local communities and businesses between the West Midlands and London, to help with the disruption caused by our construction work. These are the Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF).

The CEF is designed to give communities the opportunity to share in the benefits of HS2. It is an allocated fund that communities are able to apply for, to help to support local projects that aim to improve their local area.

The BLEF is designed to support local economies that may be disrupted by the construction of HS2. BLEF grants are for local business support organisations and local authorities to help maintain business activity in local communities.

For more information about each of these funds, including how to apply, please visit: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hs2funds>



Keeping you informed

We are committed to keeping you informed about work on HS2. This includes ensuring you know what to expect and when to expect it, as well as how we can help.

Residents' Charter and Commissioner

The Residents' Charter is our promise to communicate as clearly as we possibly can with people who live along or near the HS2 route.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-charter

We also have an independent Residents' Commissioner whose job is to make sure we keep to the promises we make in the Charter and to keep it under constant review. Find reports at:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner

You can contact the Commissioner at:
residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Construction Commissioner

The Construction Commissioner's role is to mediate and monitor the way in which HS2 Ltd manages and responds to construction complaints. You can contact the Construction Commissioner by emailing:
complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk

Property and compensation

You can find out all about HS2 and properties along the line of route by visiting:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property

Find out if you're eligible for compensation at:

www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2

Holding us to account

If you are unhappy for any reason you can make a complaint by contacting our HS2 Helpdesk team. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website:

www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

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HS2 Community Engagement

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