

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

# HS2 Update

Calvert Area | Summer 2023

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. If you have any questions or enquiries regarding our works, please contact our Helpdesk to find out more, details of which can be found in this newsletter. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at [www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk).

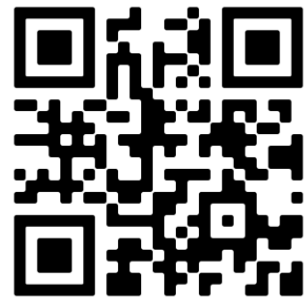
## Take a look inside our Calvert summer newsletter....

In this summer edition of our newsletter, we would like to share what you may see taking place throughout the summer and into autumn.

- Map of HS2 in Calvert;
- What's happening in your area;
- A spotlight on our structures – bridges;
- 2023 progress in pictures, see how far we have come;
- Community investment in Calvert;
- Community events;
- Infrastructure Maintenance Depot update and;
- Keeping you informed.



*Alpacas from 'Animal Antiks.' Our construction teams within Calvert have been taking part in a fundraising challenge for this Buckinghamshire charity, find out more on page 7!*



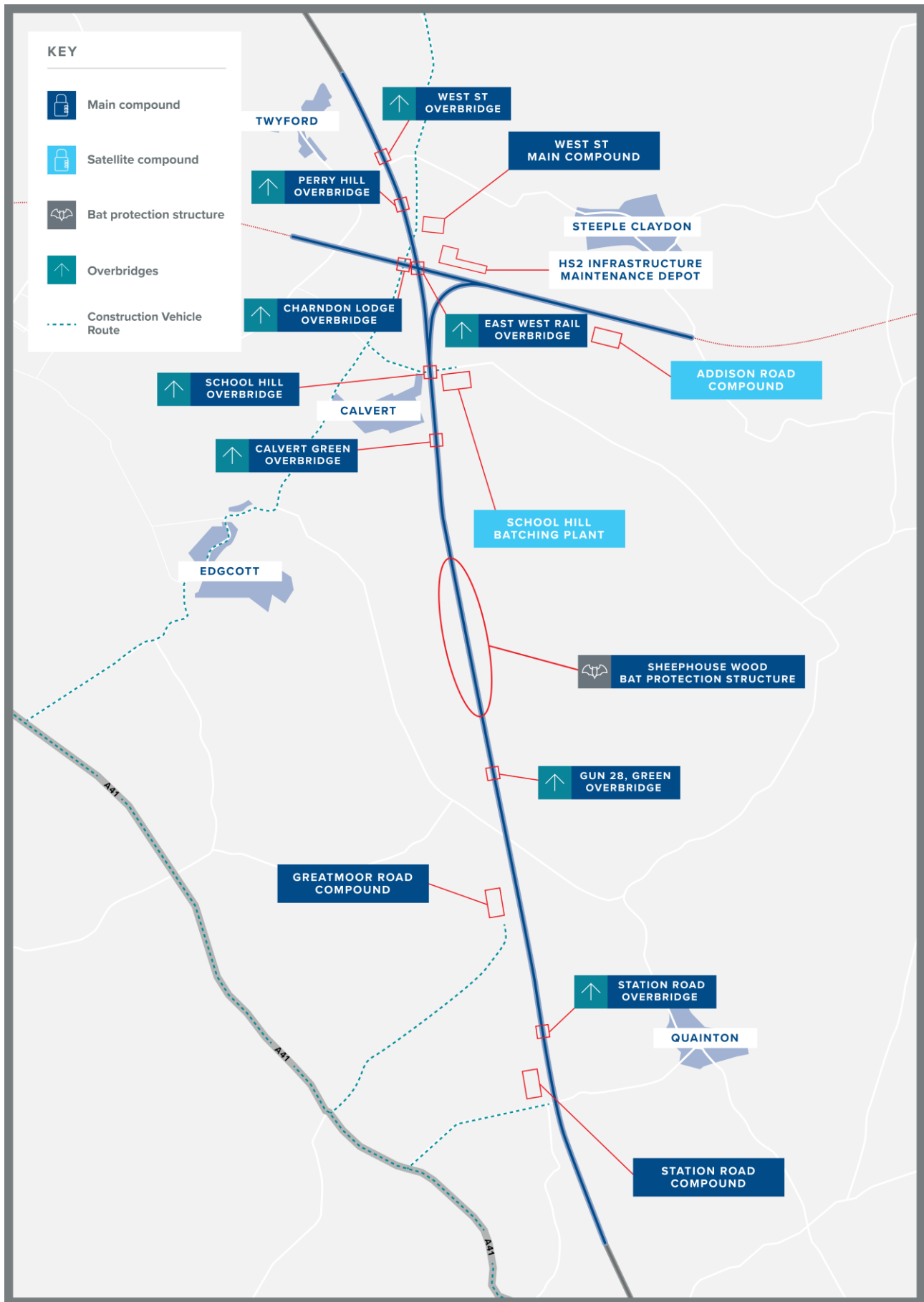
## Fly over footage – see Calvert from the air...

One of the best ways to see the



progress we are making on site is from our new aerial footage which gives an annotated overview of where structures can be found and shows the current view of the landscape.

Scan the above QR code or click **HERE** to see our latest aerial footage.



Map of the Calvert Area from Twyford to Quainton



## What's Happening in Your Area?

### **Perry Hill/Gawcott Road realignment**

At the end of May, utilising a 600 tonne crawler crane, we successfully completed the installation of the 824 tonne steel deck for the new Perry Hill overbridge. The weight of the steel deck is equivalent to that of 140 adult African elephants.

For the remainder of 2023, we will be undertaking the installation of the concrete deck of the bridge and permanent utility diversions. These diversions will allow us to construct the new permanent realignment of Gawcott Road which will be tied into the new bridge in spring 2024. This bridge will carry traffic over the new HS2 railway line.

### **GUN28, Green overbridge**

In late 2022, we completed our piling works for the green overbridge known as GUN28. GUN28 is at the top of Creighton Road adjacent to the FCC Energy from Waste processing centre.

Throughout the spring the piles were capped. This is where a reinforced concrete slab is constructed on top of the piles to evenly spread the load they are to carry. Our teams are now constructing the concrete walls and will install the bridge deck at the end of 2023.

### **Station Road**

Throughout 2023, we have been carrying out utility diversion work for overhead cables located along Station Road. To facilitate the new overbridge and realignment of Station Road, these cables will be moved underground this autumn. Subject to consents, we will also be completing the tie in works for the new permanent realignment of Station Road to the existing road network. We expect to begin on the east side of the crossroads this autumn.

### **Sheephouse Wood bat protection structure**

To facilitate the construction of the bat protection structure we began sheet piling in the autumn 2022. This included over 1km of sheet piles and were completed in early summer. These sheet piles enable us to carry out deep excavation works and bring in suitable aggregate to support the structure. Following on from the excavation works, we will begin building the walls for the bat protection structure this autumn.

This year we have also begun construction on the future pedestrian passageway that will travel underneath the structure. Subject to consents, we will also begin early works for the green overbridge, known as SL13. This overbridge will allow wildlife as well as pedestrians to travel over the new HS2 railway line.



## Spotlight on Our Structures

### West Street overbridge

We have been completing preparatory works for the construction of the new bridge, including utility diversions, which will allow us to begin excavation works this summer. The team are currently preparing for piling works for the foundation of the bridge. Piling activities will take place throughout the rest of the year and the old approach bridge is expected to be demolished this autumn.

### Addison Road overbridge

Throughout the spring, we have been making progress on the structure of the bridge. Currently we are finalising the drainage and deck before the bridge is completed. We are also carrying out work on the embankments and permanent realignment of Addison Road. The bridge and road realignment are expected to be open later this year once a road safety audit has been completed by the local authority.

### Charndon Lodge underbridge

The Charndon Lodge underbridge was completed this spring. Our teams are now finalising the backfill on both sides of the structure and waterproofing of the structure to increase the life span of the bridge.

### School Hill Green overbridge

The works for School Hill overbridge will be taking place later this year and a road closure of School Hill/Werner Terrace will be put in

place. Details of these works and the timing will be provided in advance once they are finalised. We expect to demolish the existing bridge in late autumn and then commence with piling activities for the foundations of the bridge.

### East West Rail overbridge

Our teams completed the abutments for the bridge last year and began lifting the bridge deck into position in early December of 2022. This summer we will be pouring concrete to complete the deck prior to handing the bridge over to East West Rail later this year.

### Calvert Green overbridge

EKFB have been assisting FCC in migrating some of their facilities into the southern area of the Calvert section. These works will free up the required working space to commence excavation in summer in 2023 and begin piling works for the new bridge in the autumn. To undertake the piling in this area, a small bentonite plant is being built to help aid the team in controlling expected ground water and granular fill whilst works progress.

### Edgcott Road overbridge

In early June we completed the piling works for the foundations of the new bridge. In August we expect to begin work for the bridge abutments and piers.



## Progress in Pictures



*Charndon Lodge underbridge*

Technical Backfilling works are progressing at a very good pace on Charndon Lodge underbridge.



*Addison Road overbridge*

Earthworks are progressing for Addison Road Highway realignment.



*Rebar fixing works at the East West Rail overbridge deck*

In Calvert, in the North, the rebar fixing works are progressing at a good pace on the East West Rail overbridge deck.



*Perry Hill overbridge*

Following the installation of the steel deck, technical backfilling works are progressing well on the Perry Hill overbridge.



*Edgcott piling*

In the South, all piling activities for Edgcott overbridge have been completed and the installation of a sub station at Station Road is progressing well.



*East West Rail Alliance*

In Calvert, East West Rail has started laying track in the HS2 integration area.

## Community Investment



### Great Moor Sailing Club and Scout hut

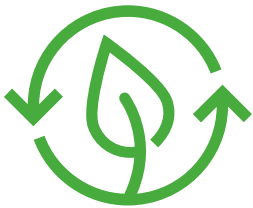
Earlier this year, Great Moor Sailing Club received some fantastic new enhancements to

their facilities. Ready for the summer season, users of the club now have new canoe storage racks, secure equipment storage containers and a freshly laid area of hardstanding.

Additionally, the long serving scout hut at the sailing has been replaced with a brand new one. The new scout hut can now be put to good use for years to come.



*Newly installed canoe racks, scout hut and hardstanding at Great Moor Sailing Club.*



### Steeple Claydon Angling Club

In April, we were thrilled to be able to support Steeple Claydon Angling Club with their planting

project. In need of saplings to plant 70 meters of new hedgerow, EKFB provided a mixture of blackthorn, sessile oak and silver birch saplings to complete the project.

These varieties are in keeping with hedgerows in the surrounding area and will help support local wildlife such as the black hairstreak butterfly. When matured, the new hedgerow will also provide screening and a wind break for the anglers using the lake.



*Recently planted saplings at Steeple Claydon Angling Club*



## Community Investment

### 'Animal Antiks'

In March 2023, EKFB were delighted to announce that local charity Animal Antiks has been chosen as their charity of the year.



Based near Quainton, Animal Antiks support diverse groups of people with a range of different needs by encouraging learning in animal care, animal enrichment, gardening, crafts, bushcraft and countryside appreciation. This unique charity's approach has seen wonderful results with young people including reduction in anxieties, increased confidence, willingness to interact and becoming a valued team member, taking responsibility, care of others, and an overall increase in positivity to attempt new tasks.

EKFB will be supporting this charity through fundraising efforts and our Social Value Programme throughout 2023. If you'd like to find out more about the great work being done at the Animal Antiks farm, visit their website at [www.animalantiks.co.uk](http://www.animalantiks.co.uk).

### Sponsorship in Calvert

**Twyfest;** EKFB were proud sponsors of Twyfest 2023 which took place on 24<sup>th</sup> June and was a great success. 750 people attended with 14 bands, 7 food vendors, 4 bars and 30 classic cars. EKFB supported Twyfest by providing HERAS fencing, safety lighting and contributed over £1000 towards the cost of the event which was greatly appreciated by the organisers and community.



**'Nightingale' Ballet, Claydon House;** EKFB purchased 70 tickets for the matinee performance on 20<sup>th</sup> July to enable a school in Buckingham and a ballet school in Twyford to enjoy the ballet.

**North Bucks Bike Ride;** EKFB are the proud sponsors of the 2023 North Bucks Bike Ride, a charity fundraising event in north Buckinghamshire which attracted over 300 cyclists and raised over £7,000 for their charity partners.

### North Bucks Bike Ride Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July



## Community events

The EKFB engagement team is dedicated to keeping the local communities informed and engaged in the progress of the High Speed Two (HS2) project in their area. Our team organises a variety of local events to ensure that the community is up-to-date on the latest developments. These include the use of our mobile visitor centre, village hall drop-ins and casual updates at local coffee mornings.

We are constantly seeking new opportunities to attend community events and are open to suggestions from the public. If you know of a community event that may be suitable for us to attend, please do not hesitate to contact us through the HS2 Helpdesk, Freephone 08081 434 434 or [HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk).

We value your input and are committed to keeping the community informed throughout the HS2 construction process.



*Image showing our Mobile Visitor Centre event at Calvert Green*

## Infrastructure Maintenance Depot (IMD) update

Earthworks activities for the future IMD are progressing with works focusing on the construction of the rail platform and landscape bund.

The total volume for the IMD platform is 280,000 m<sup>3</sup>. The IMD landscape bund has volume of a 1,000,000m<sup>3</sup>. Earthworks are scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2024 which will then be followed by drainage works.



*Image showing earthworks activity for the IMD taken from a drone in June 23*



# What else is happening in your area?

[www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)

## Keep up-to-date with your local HS2 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](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.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**

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## 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](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner)

You can contact the Commissioner at:  
[residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain)

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