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HS2 Update

Calvert Area | Winter 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.



Take a look inside our latest Calvert winter newsletter....

Our newsletters are an important way to update local communities on the progress of the HS2 project. This newsletter has been created specifically for the Calvert construction area (CA), located between Twyford and Quainton in Buckinghamshire. It includes the latest information on upcoming construction activities and expected timelines while also highlighting our efforts to support local communities.

In this edition of our newsletter, we will be looking at works coming up over the next few months and this will include:

- Map of key locations for HS2 in Calvert;
- Gawcott Road realignment;
- West Street overbridge update;
- Calvert Road railway bridge works;
- Bat protection structure update; and
- Community investment.

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.





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Perry Hill and Gawcott Road realignment update

The temporary realignment of Gawcott Road, also known as the Link Road, was recently completed and open to traffic in late October 2023. This temporary road layout will allow us to complete works for the OXD railway line for East West Rail.

The permanent realignment of Gawcott Road will be tied into the new Perry Hill Overbridge in spring 2024. This bridge will carry traffic over the new HS2 railway line.

Throughout the winter, our teams will be working on the new Perry Hill overbridge and will be completing the installation of precast parapets and waterproofing the structure.

In the spring, our teams will work to complete the embankments as well finishing works which will include asphaltting, white lining and signage.

The bridge is expected to be operational in summer 2024.



Figure 1: The image above shows a section of the new Gawcott Road realignment and East West Rail's OXD bridge, October 2023.

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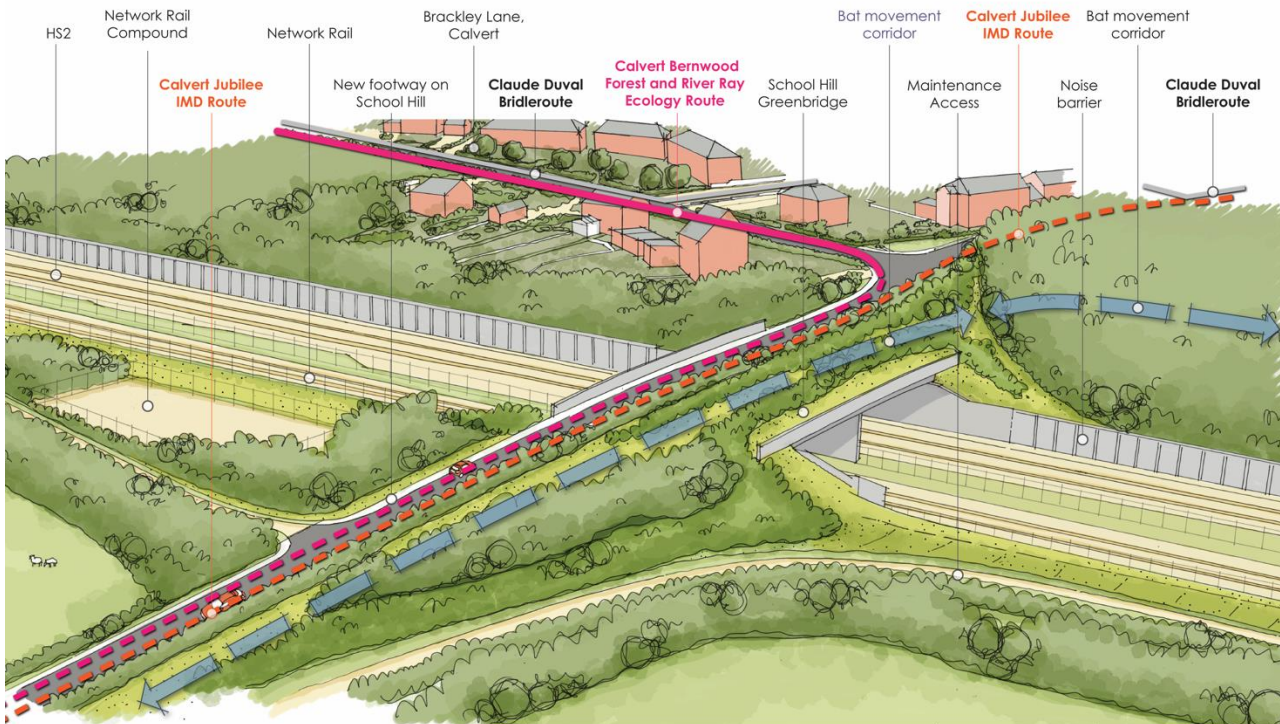


Figure 2: The image above shows an artist's impression of the completed Calvert Road, also known as School Hill, green overbridge.



West Street overbridge

To facilitate the new realignment of West Street Road, in late September, our teams completed the demolition of the old West Street Overbridge.

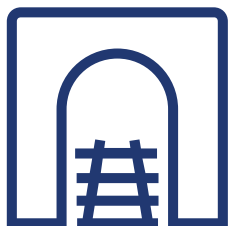
Throughout November, we have been carrying out piling activities with the installation of 98 piles, completing on average 4 piles a day. The piles will then be capped and our teams will begin works on the abutments in the new year. As our works progress, we will continue to update communities.



Calvert Road, School Hill, green overbridge

Demolition works for the old School Hill bridge are expected to take place at the end of November. These works are expected to take approximately three weeks. Once the demolition is completed, our teams will start earthworks to facilitate the construction of piling platforms. This will be in preparation for the installation of 140 piles which are expected to commence in early 2024. This green bridge is one of three in the Calvert area. It will be 40 meters², providing connectivity for the local area and wildlife.

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Bat Protection Structure

As part of the HS2 Green corridor strategy, we are committed to protecting habitats and species along the railway line. We have designed a 1km unique structure alongside Sheephouse Woods to protect bat habitats which can be found in this area.

On the south side of the Bat Protection Structure, we recently completed excavation works and replaced the soil with aggregate to improve the ground conditions and support the structure we will be building above.

Our teams are now installing 30 precast concrete segments which will form part of the culvert that will carry a short diversion of the Maxwell Brooke River, see image below.

There will be a further 30 precast segments to facilitate the creation of a pedestrian footpath. These installations are expected to be completed at the end of the year.



Figure 3: Image shows the protected Bechstein's Bat in flight



Figure 4: The computer-generated image above, is an artist's rendition of the south side of the Bat Protection Structure, showing the section which will include the Maxwell Brooke River culvert and the pedestrian footpath.

Piling works for the foundations of the north side of the structure began in the autumn. This section will include 95 piles approximately 20m deep and 1m in diameter. Altogether the whole structure will require 210 piles. Following the installation of the piles, we will then begin excavation works to improve the clay soil by adding aggregate.



In the spring of 2024, concrete reinforcement works for the foundations of the main structure will commence.

The entire structure will require enough concrete to fill five Olympic sized swimming pools.

Community Investment

Buckinghamshire Railway Centre

EKFB installed closed board fencing, post and rail fencing, constructed a 60 metre footway and installed two access gates to link the overflow carpark to the visitor centre, improving visitor experience and making the centre more accessible.



Steeple Claydon Fireworks Display

Our supply chain, Speedy Services, kindly agreed to supply tower lighting for a community fireworks display that took place on 4th November at Steeple Claydon recreation ground.



Grendon Underwood Community Bench

Our subcontractor, HW Martin, created a bespoke bench for the community of Grendon Underwood. *"Thanks so much, it's awesome! We're getting fantastic feedback from the community"* – Cllr Irwin



Edgcott Pond

In August 2023, an EKFB team completed clearance works to a community pond in Edgcott, creating a tranquil space for residents to enjoy. Carole Jackman, Clerk to Edgcott Parish Council said, ***"The pond area will now become an attractive feature in the centre of the village, thank you again for all your help on this project."***

What else is happening in your area?

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.

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.

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About our Community and Business Funds

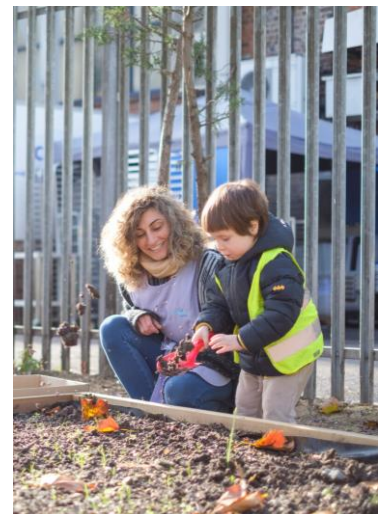
We are offering two funds that are available to local communities and businesses between the West Midlands and London, to help with the disruption caused by our construction work. These are the Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF).

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

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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