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HS2 Update

Aylesbury Area | Autumn 2026

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain. This update provides information about the main civil engineering works being carried out by EKFB in the areas between Aylesbury and Quainton. Our local website www.hs2inbucksandox.co.uk is up to date with information on our works in the local area.

What's inside this newsletter

In this autumn edition, we take a closer look at new bridges being built around Aylesbury to restore public paths and bridleway connectivity across HS2. We also review our construction milestones for the next 12-18 months, including some key dates as well as looking at construction progress to date. You'll also find information on:

- The local area map
- Social value projects and community investment
- Video update on HS2 in the Aylesbury area
- User guide video for the new Public Rights of Way Map
- Information on how to contact us and stay informed



Drop-in event

We will be hosting events during this autumn. Please join us at one of our events to find out more about our work in the area.

Further dates and full details can be found on the HS2 website here:



www.hs2.org.uk/events

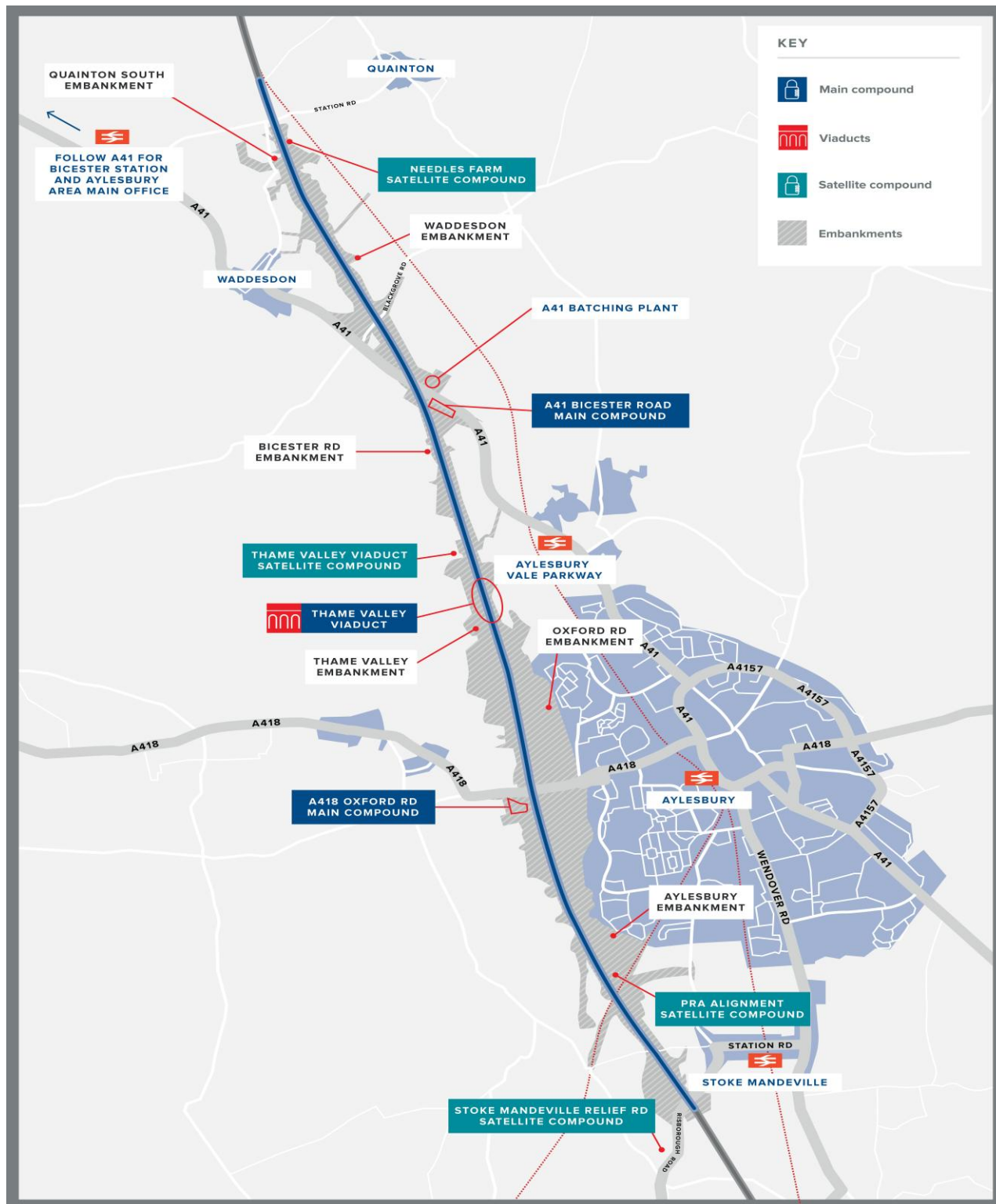


Pictured: The Oxford Road embankment between Hartwell and Coldharbour, showing piling works in preparation for the acoustic barrier and the site of the future SBH/32 footbridge (July 2026)

Area map

Quainton to Stoke Mandeville

The map below shows the location of works in your area:



Construction progress



WAD/4 overbridge, Waddesdon

In August, the concrete deck slab was completed and installation of the bridge parapets that form the barriers began. This bridge will open in 2027 and carry a footpath linking Waddesdon to Quainton. In the cutting below the verge lining membrane is being installed and filled with compacted stone.

FMA/1 Waddesdon Greenway footbridge

The new bridge opened to the public in September, following a closure of the path while the approach embankments, drainage, surfacing and fencing were completed. This is the first steel bridge of its type to open in the EKFB section of HS2. The bridleway is also open.



SMA/9 overbridge, Stoke Mandeville

Bridge parapets were installed over the summer and 'stitched' into place with poured concrete. Around the bridge piling works will continue into the autumn for the acoustic barrier. This bridge will carry a footpath linking Stoke Mandeville to the new A4010 Stoke Mandeville Relief Road when it opens in 2027.

EKFB's route to civils completion – an update

The recent 'reset' of the HS2 programme, led by HS2 CEO Mark Wild, has given greater certainty over the construction and funding of HS2 and a clear route ahead for the completion of the civils work.

As the main works civils contractor for HS2 Ltd. in your area, we are working hard to complete the major engineering works ready for the installation of the railway track and systems. Our engineering works include building 80 bridges, 15 viaducts, three cut and cover 'green' tunnels, the excavation and replacement of millions of cubic metres of earth and the landscaping, planting and fencing requirements as part of our finishing works.

This year alone, you will have seen overbridges, local roads and public rights of way starting to re-open, further connecting communities along the route, with river diversions also being restored to their original condition. To quantify our progress to date, we are on track to have completed around 75% of our works across these three key areas: earthworks delivery, concreting activities, and viaduct and green tunnel construction, representing significant progress as we head towards the civils completion deadline between 2029 and 2030.

As physical works continue at pace, we'll welcome various construction milestones that you'll be interested in, as well as supporting our communities with social value initiatives, jobs and skills opportunities and regular engagement about the works happening in your area. Our focuses for the next 12 to 18 months are presented in the table below:

Location	Activity
Whaddon Hill Cutting, Aylesbury	Noise barrier installation in March 2027
Thame Valley to Quainton	Completion of mainline earthworks in May 2027
SBH/19 bridleway, Aylesbury	Bridge opening to traffic in September 2027
Thame Valley Viaduct, Aylesbury	Completion of main structural works in early 2027
Risborough Road, Stoke Mandeville	Underpass opening to traffic in late 2027
Risborough Road, Stoke Mandeville	Lower transfer slab complete in early 2028
Aylesbury area	Completion of mainline protection layer in mid-2028

Community news and social value

Skate Park renewal and replacement funding, Waddesdon

Following a successful application, through the HS2's [Community and Environment Fund](#), Waddesdon Parish Council has been awarded £54,000 to transform the run-down skate park on School Lane in Waddesdon. The funding will be used to install a completely new skate facility including modern one-piece ramps, a dedicated graffiti board and a climbing wall panel.

Are you a local community group or business that's looking for support from HS2? The Community and Environment (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF) schemes will provide up to £40m of funding throughout the construction of HS2, supporting community-led projects.

You can find more information about eligibility and how to apply at www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/community-funding/

Garden volunteering day, Waddesdon Hall

In August, volunteers from EKFB leant a hand with tidying up the venue's rear garden area. Fallen leaves were raked up to be composted, beds weeded and outdoor furniture re-painted. The hall and its grounds are well used by the community as a venue for events such as seasonal dinners and wedding receptions. The garden was given a visual 'lift' and made ready to use by guests for the remainder of the summer.



Join us on a site visit

We offer regular opportunities for residents and community groups to join our monthly site tours, providing a chance to see our works up close and gain a better understanding of the progress.

During the site visit, you will receive an update on the current stage of construction and can speak directly with our team, ask questions, and learn more about the work taking place in your area.

If you would like to attend, please get in touch with the EKFB Community Engagement team to reserve your place:

hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk



Pictured: A recent site visit with a local group to Thame Valley Viaduct near Aylesbury

Aylesbury area update video



Scan the QR code below to view this video or [click on this link](#).



Take a look at this short video, highlighting the major construction milestones that have been reached over the last few years and structures nearing completion around Aylesbury.

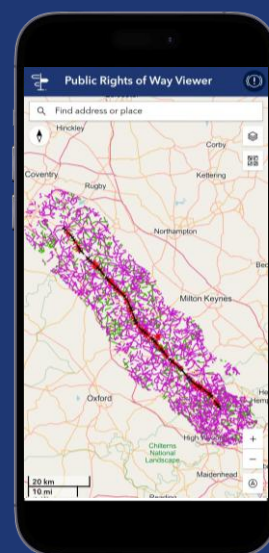
A user-friendly guide to using EKFB's new Public Rights of Way Map

This summer, EKFB launched a new Public Rights of Way (PRoW) map to help local communities safely navigate the countryside while construction works are progressing.

Navigating the PRoWs in your area is simple. Here's a quick guide on how to use the map.

- Open the map by scanning this QR code on your phone camera or by using the web address, prow.ekfb.com
- View the user guide video by scanning this QR code

Scan me or visit
prow.ekfb.com
to check out the
interactive map



Keeping you informed

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

Residents' and Construction Commissioner

The independent Residents' and Construction Commissioner oversees and monitors our **community engagement strategy**, making sure we fulfil our commitments to you.

The commissioner monitors the way we manage and respond to complaints about construction and advises members of the public how to make complaints.

The commissioner helps settle disputes involving individuals and organisations that we can't resolve.

You can find the commissioner's report and our responses at:
www.gov.uk/government/collections/independent-hs2-commissioner

The commissioner can be contacted on:
hs2commissioner@dft.gov.uk

Property and compensation

You can find out all about HS2 and properties along the 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/contact-us/how-to-complain

Contact us

Our HS2 Helpdesk team are available all day, every day. You can contact them by:

 Freephone **08081 434 434**

 Minicom **08081 456 472**

 Email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Write to:

FREEPOST
HS2 Community Engagement

Website www.hs2.org.uk

To keep up to date with what is happening in your area, visit:

www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk

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