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HS2 Update

North Chilterns Area | Autumn 2026

EKFB
Working in
partnership with **HS2**

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high-speed railway for Britain. Should you have any questions or enquiries regarding our works, please contact the Helpdesk details of which can be found in this newsletter. We will be keeping our local website <http://www.hs2inbucksandbox.co.uk> up to date with information on our works in the local area

What's inside this newsletter

In this newsletter, we look back at recent progress on site, outline upcoming construction activity, and share the latest updates from across the project. You'll also find:

- Area map
- Construction updates
- Route to civils completion
- Construction completion targets
- Social value and community funding
- Community news



Pictured: Wendover Dean viaduct following top deck concrete pour completion



Drop-in event

We run community events and drop-in sessions in our mobile visitor centre, local village halls and community hubs. Please stop by at our next event:

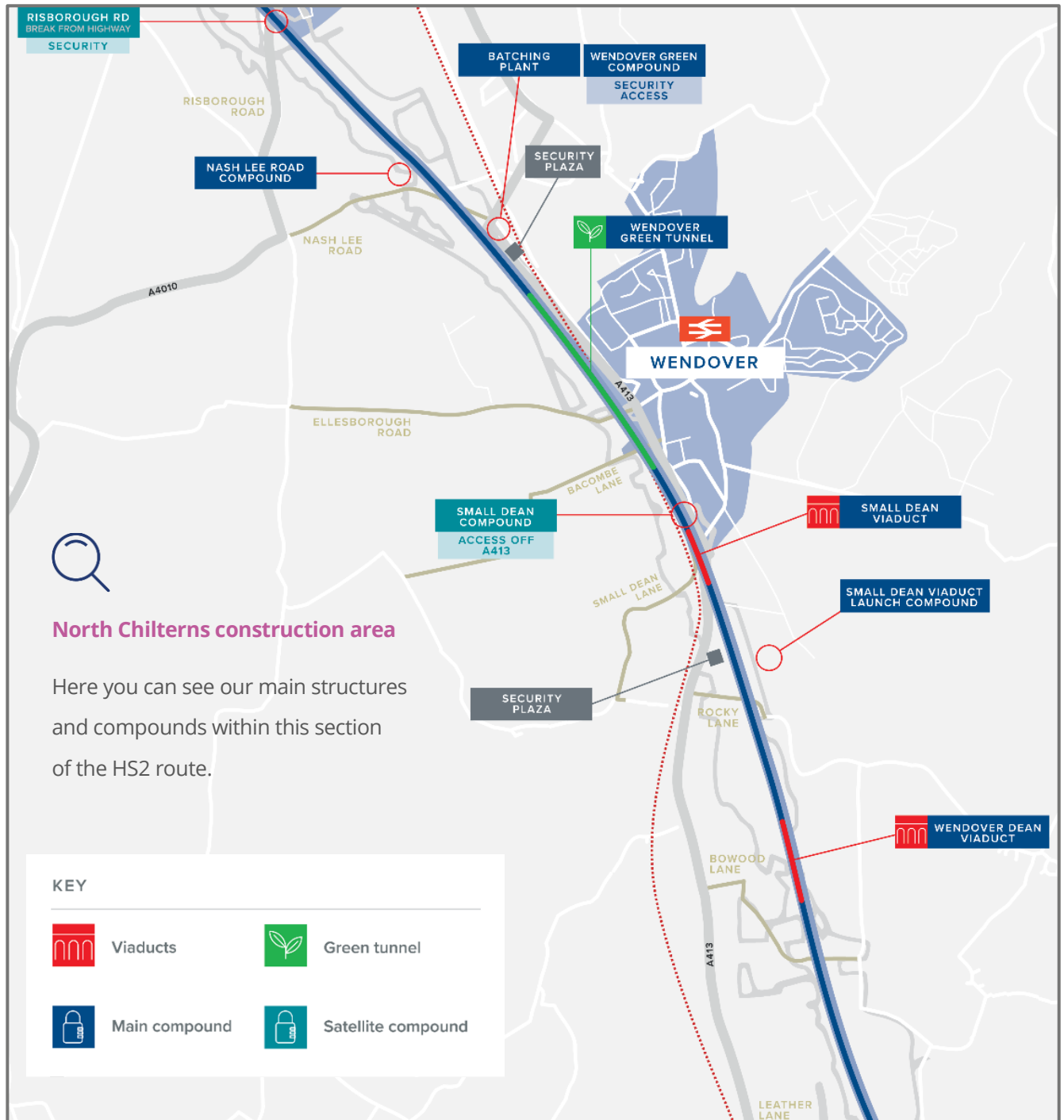
Date: 21 November
Time: 10am – 2pm
Place: High St, Wendover,
Aylesbury HP22 6EA

To find out where your next local event is taking place, please visit on the HS2 website for the latest information.
www.hs2.org.uk/events

Area map

North Chilterns area | Nash Lee to Wendover Dean

The map below shows the location of works in your area



Construction updates

What's been happening in the last few months?

Rocky Lane

In August, we successfully completed the installation of 16 parapets at Rocky Lane underbridge during a two-week road closure. The parapets, which were uniquely designed for the bridge, weigh 17 tonnes and stand five metres tall. Due to their size, all units were delivered and stored horizontally before being safely rotated into position.

For a behind the scenes look at the parapet installation on the Rocky Lane underbridge, our latest video captures footage during the parapet lifting operations. Watch the video by clicking [here](#) or by scanning the QR code on the right.



Pictured: Parapets installed on the Rocky Lane underbridge. View the progress video below:



Wendover green tunnel

We've made significant progress at Wendover green tunnel, with more than 200 pre-cast tunnel segments installed using a self-propelled modular transporter (SPMT).

Some of these segments were installed directly beneath Ellesborough Road bridge, which remained open to traffic throughout the works to help reduce disruption. Our team safely installed the 8 metre high tunnel segments and arch roofs without needing to close the road.

The SPMT lifted two segments at a time, allowing the team to exceed install targets and complete the work ahead of schedule.

You can watch the video of the SPMT in action as it installed the last segments under Ellesborough Road, by scanning the QR code on the right or by clicking [here](#).



Pictured: The SPMT working under Ellesborough Road.



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.

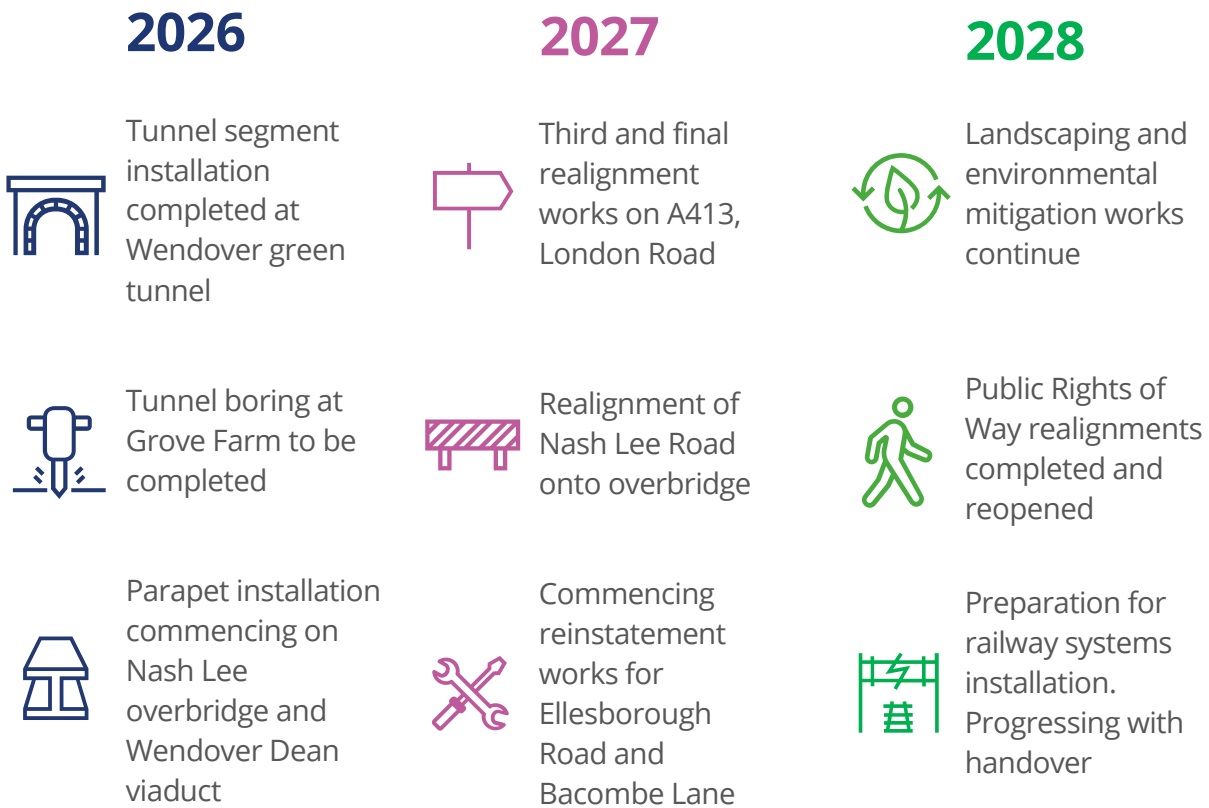
As the main works civils contractor for HS2 Ltd. in your area, we are working hard to complete the major engineering works ready for the installation of the railway track and systems. Our engineering works include building 80 bridges, 15 viaducts, three cut and cover 'green' tunnels, the excavation and 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.

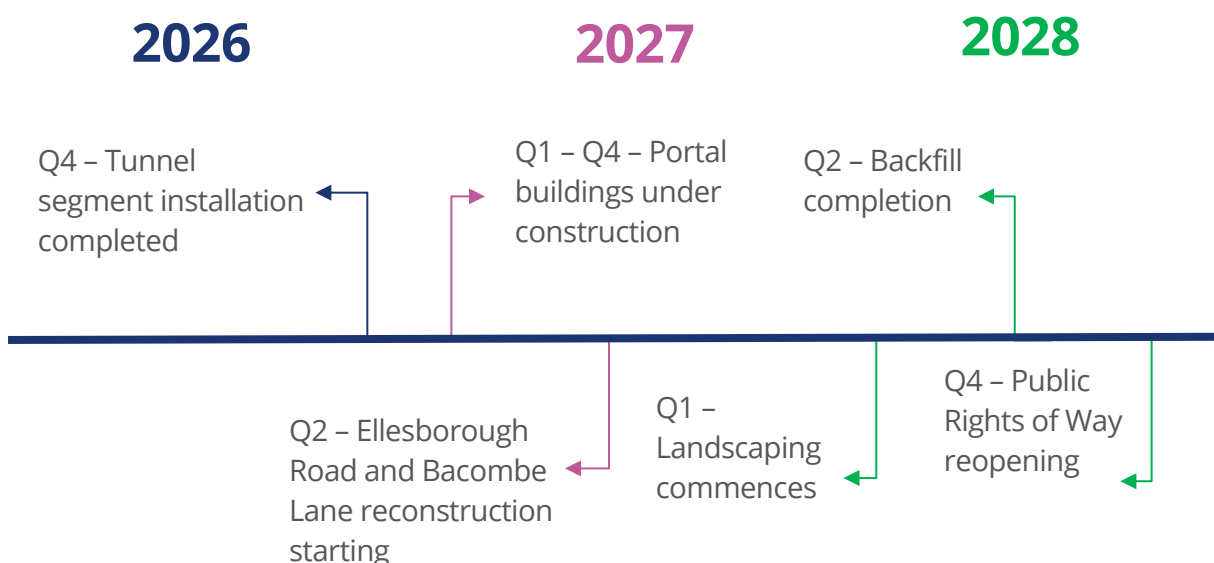
Location	Activity
A413, London Road	Road reopening on final alignment in summer 2027
Nash Lee overbridge	Road reopening on realignment in autumn 2027
ELL/20 overbridge	Bridge opening as a Public Right of Way in mid-2028
South Heath cutting	Earthworks complete in autumn 2028
Small Dean embankments	Earthworks complete in autumn 2028
Wendover north cutting	Earthworks complete in autumn 2028
TLE/2 overbridge	Bridge opening as a Public Right of Way in late 2028
Wendover green tunnel	Completion in summer 2029

Construction completion targets

Below is an overview of what to expect for construction in the North Chilterns Area until 2028:



The route to civils completion on Wendover green tunnel



Social value and community work

John Hampden Primary School

A team of EKFB volunteers created a new outdoor learning and gardening area for pupils at John Hampden Primary School in Wendover. The team cleared and prepared an overgrown section of ground, created a new compost bin from pallets, a new path, and spread wood chippings across the area to transform an overgrown area of the school grounds into a vibrant outdoor learning space.



HS2 Community and Environment Funding

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) – Bacombe Hill conservation fencing replacement

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) have been awarded £99,658 to deliver conservation improvements at Bacombe Hill. The project will replace the ageing wooden and wire stock fencing across the nature reserve with a durable metal fencing system, helping to support the ongoing management of the site through conservation grazing. The works will protect and enhance the valuable chalk grassland habitat, ensuring it can continue to support a range of wildlife for years to come.



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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.

The Funds also support initiatives that bring benefits to local communities, such as the provision of new community facilities or support for local heritage and culture.

You can find more information about eligibility and how to apply on the HS2 website. Alternatively, you can get in touch with your local Community Engagement Team to find out more information and support.

www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/community-funding/

Community news

Community events in your area

We regularly hold events throughout the year, visiting communities along the route. You may spot our mobile visitor centre (MVC) in your area during our event season.

These visits are a great opportunity to share the latest updates on construction progress, project timelines, and the social value projects we are delivering locally.

Our team will be available to discuss traffic and transport, programme updates and answer any questions you may have.

We have an exciting programme of community visits planned, details of which can be found on the HS2 events page.

If you are interested in the MVC coming to your local area, please get in touch with the HS2 helpdesk.



Pictured: The engagement team at our mobile visitor centre event in Stoke Mandeville

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 being made.

During the 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 at hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk to reserve your place.



Pictured: A site visit with a local group at the Wendover green tunnel

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

Reference number: HS2-EKFB-26-2507

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**

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www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk

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