



# HS2 E Update

## July 2021

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### **What is Buckinghamshire Council doing on behalf of residents?**

Buckinghamshire Council's Leader and Chief Executive met with HS2 Ltd's Chief Executive, Mark Thurston, on 12 July, to discuss road repairs, greater transparency and information sharing and a need for us to understand their programme over the next 2 to 3 years. They also took the Council to task about its performance on dealing with HS2 applications, in particular those that it does not approve or delays to approvals until further improvements are made.

We are aware that road repairs are a significant concern for communities and we have been working with HS2 and EWR to find a resolution, whether they carry out the necessary repairs or provide funds for the Council to undertake these.

A visit took place for senior Members of the Council to visit the south portal site on 14 July and have a face to face briefing on these issues. They went onto Florence, the first tunnel boring machine which has now passed the M25 (so is under Bucks) and saw how the liquified chalk was treated. The HS2 Groundwater Manager was present throughout the visit and able to address questions on the advance planning that has gone on for the tunnelling and the potential impacts on the chalk aquifer. We sent HS2 Ltd a number of detailed questions on the potential impacts, they have now responded and we are assessing their answers. HS2 have now updated their webpages on water:

<https://www.hs2.org.uk/building-hs2/hs2-environment-facts/fact-check-hs2-and-water-supply/>

We have been proactively engaging with EKFB on the removal of 12 trees at Leather Lane which are on the route (actually on the trace) to ensure that ecological surveys have been carried out as it is an area used for foraging and travel by bats. Our ecologist has viewed a summary of the surveys and considers that they have been appropriate. Works were halted whilst this check was being carried out.

We have been holding regular Calvert Area Liaison Meetings (CALM) every fortnight with HS2 and EWR as there are particular concerns for the Parish Councils in this area. As the design for the Infrastructure Maintenance Depot (IMD) progresses there will also be separate meetings to inform affected parishes.

Our new HS2/EWR Marshall commenced on 19 July and is commencing his induction and meeting with the ward Councillors and Parish Councils in north Bucks. Let me know if you would like an introduction to Mark Rann.

### **Amersham Vent Shaft Headhouse 'You Said, We Did' events**

Following a public engagement event held in August 2020, HS2 Ltd is now proposing to hold 3 online 'You Said, We Did' events to explain how they have responded to comments made last August. They set out how they have responded to comments on landscape, ecology and design. You can book here to attend one of the events:

[https://hs2inbucksandoxfordshire.commonplace.is/proposals/amersham-ventilation-shaft-and-headhouse?lang=en-GB&utm\\_campaign=project\\_news&utm\\_source=cp-email&utm\\_medium=email](https://hs2inbucksandoxfordshire.commonplace.is/proposals/amersham-ventilation-shaft-and-headhouse?lang=en-GB&utm_campaign=project_news&utm_source=cp-email&utm_medium=email)

### **Chalfont St Peter Vent Shaft construction site video clip**

This illustration shows what the vent shaft headhouse buildings will look like once the shaft is complete.



This clip shows the progress on construction of the shaft.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6T6boZJOSz4>

## **Bat Licensing at Jones Hill Wood**

Natural England has published information about their role in licensing following the challenge to their decision to issue a bat licence earlier this year. Felling at Jones Hill Wood is now complete.

<https://naturalengland.blog.gov.uk/2021/03/31/bat-licensing-at-jones-hill-wood/>

## **North Chilterns Area Update**

HS2 Ltd has published an update of activities in this area:

<https://www.hs2.org.uk/work-items/hs2-notification-north-chilterns-area-update-july-2021/>

## **HS2 Core Risks**

HS2 Ltd has published 5 core risks to budget and delivery as set out in their Corporate Plan below. They are :

- Protests
- Supply chain capacity
- Likelihood of ‘catastrophic incident’
- Losing talent in leadership
- External/political events

<https://www.newcivilengineer.com/latest/ive-core-risks-to-hs2-schedule-and-budget-21-07-2021/>

## **HS2 Corporate Plan 2021 to 2024**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1004497/24801\\_HS2\\_CorporatePlan\\_2021-2024\\_CS1519.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1004497/24801_HS2_CorporatePlan_2021-2024_CS1519.pdf)

## **HS2 ongoing work**

You can see the work that is taking place in Buckinghamshire on the HS2 website, Commonplace section, (Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire) and also sign up for automatic alerts. HS2 Ltd or contractors are committed to send out Advanced Warning Notices 2 weeks ahead of works commencing:

<https://hs2inbucksandoxfordshire.commonplace.is/schemes/proposals/works-in-your-area/details>

## **Works in Buckinghamshire**

Although still classed as preparatory/early works there are some quite substantial impacts already being experienced by our communities. I have listed some of the main works (but this is not a comprehensive list):

<b>Works</b>	<b>Duration</b>
A413 Wendover bypass – temporary road closure	7pm, 29 Jul 21-6am, 30 Jul 21
Colne Valley Viaduct construction	Mar 2021-2023
Closure of DEN3/1 footpath (Denham)	Oct 2020-Oct 2021
Jones Hill Wood works	Mar 2021-31 Aug 2021
Archaeology and tree planting, Rocky Lane to Leather Lane	Jan 2021 -Spring 2021
Aylesbury A418 utilities diversions	Mar 2021-Nov 2021
St Mary’s church, Stoke Mandeville archaeology	Sep 2020-Summer 2021
Marsh Lane and Old Risborough Road closures	May 2021-6/4/2026
Fleet Marston ecology works	23 Mar 2021-31 Dec 2021
Calvert early works	Oct 2020-Summer 2021
Quinton construction activities	Sep-Winter 2021
Waddesdon works	Jul 2020-Spring 2021
Steeple Claydon utility works	Jul 2020-Aug 2021
Twyford - Newton Purcell early works	Oct 2020-Summer 2021

### **HS2 Forthcoming Works Packages submission to Buckinghamshire Council**

\*Please note however, forecast dates are subject to slippage by contractors\*

<b>Schedule 17 package</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Planned submission date</b>
South Heath cutting Cottage Farm accommodation overbridge TLE/2 Footbridge Bowood Lane overbridge and highway	Bowood Lane (BC package 1)	December 2021
South Heath cutting Footpath GMI/12 overbridge and GMI/2 accommodation overbridge Leather Lane overbridge and highway realignment	South Heath (CDC package 1)	October 2021
Ground level permanent earthworks and fencing and restoration proposals for Colne Valley Viaduct northern area. (Moorhall Road North)	Land Between the A412 and Moorhall Road	August 2021

Wendover Green Tunnel Ellesborough Road re- construction Wendover north cutting Nash Lee Road and overbridge	Nash Lee (AVDC Package 04)	October 2021
Calvert Cutting / Footpath SCL/13 Green Overbridge / Calvert Green Overbridge / School Hill Green Overbridge / Shepherd's Furze Inverted Siphon / East West Rail Overbridge /Charndon Lodge Underbridge	Calvert South (AVDC Package 13a)	August 2021
Calvert Cutting Addison Road Overbridge IMD South Culvert IMD South Culvert IMD North Culvert Perry Hill Overbridge Portway Farm ATS West Street Overbridge Sewage Works Access Twyford East Culvert Portway Culvert	Calvert North / Steeple Claydon (AVDC Package 13b)	August 2021
Twyford Embankment / Twyford Viaduct / Cowley Embankment / Twyford Cutting / Godington East Viaduct / Godington East Embankment / Chetwode Embankment	Twyford to Chetwode (AVDC Package 14)	August 2021
SCL/8 Footbridge	Steeple Claydon	TBC
Waddesdon Embankment Footpath WAD/3 Accommodation underbridge Needles Farm Accommodation overbridge Waddesdon North Cutting Quainton South Embankment Station Road realignment and Aylesbury link overbridge Quainton Cutting	Waddesdon to Quainton (AVDC package 10)	September 2021
Chesham Road intervention Shaft Plans and Specifications	Chesham Road	October 2021
Footpath ELL/20 Overbridge / Stoke Mandeville South Embankment / Aylesbury South Cutting PRA line diversion, overbridge and underpass Stoke Mandeville Relief Road and overbridge	Stoke Mandeville (AVDC Package 5)	September 2021
Bicester Road Embankment Waddesdon South Cutting	Putlowes to Waddesdon (AVDC package 9)	October 2021

Bridleway FMA/1 overbridge A41 Bicester Road realignment and overbridge Footpath WAD/4 Accommodation overbridge		
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Doddershall Embankment / Woodlands Cutting / Bridleway QUA/28A Accommodation overbridge	Quainton to Grendon Underwood (AVDC Package 11)	October 2021
North portal design and external appearance of buildings	Land to the west of Frith Hill	December 2021
Rocky Lane underbridge / Small Dean south embankment / Small Dean viaduct / Small Dean north embankment / A413 diversion Green Tunnel South Portal / Bacombe Lane re-construction	Small Dean (AVDC Package 03)	November 2021
Aylesbury North Cutting Oxford Road Embankment Whaddon Hill Cutting Bridleway SBH/32 overbridge Bridleway SBH/2 overbridge	Hartwell (AVDC Package 07)	November 2021

Key Design Elements as described in [HS2 Information Paper D1: Design Policy](#) have been subject to community engagement on design developments.

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