



HS2 E Update

November 2020

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)

Works	Duration
Denham, A412 highways works	Full weekend night-time road closures 30/10-6/11
Chalfont St Giles, Bottom House Farm Lane/A413 vent shaft access	Dec 2020
Affinity Water pipeline, Chalfont St Giles to Amersham	Jun-Dec 2020
Chalfont St Peter vent shaft 3 rd storey to compound	Ongoing
Amersham, Gore Hill roundabout improvement works	Nov-Spring 2021
Whielden Lane A413/A404 vent shaft site works	Dec 2020
Little Missenden vent shaft enabling works	Oct 2020-Mar 2021
The Lee, Leather Lane archaeology works	Oct 2020-Jan 2021
The Lee, Bowood Lane works	Oct 2020-Feb 2021
Wendover pump testing and spring flow monitoring	Oct 2020-Dec 2020
Wendover Ellesborough Road South Field works	Oct 2020-Mar 2021
Stoke Mandeville archaeology works, bellmouth and haul road	Nov 2020

Aylesbury Golf Course works	Jul 2020-Apr 2021
Calvert compound works	Apr 2021
Chetwode ecology and clearance works	Sep-Dec 2020
Quainton construction activities	Sep-Spring 2021
Waddesdon works	Jul-Spring 2021
Fleet Marston trial trenching works	Sep-Dec 2020
Steeple Claydon utility works	Jul-Aug 2021
Turweston works	Oct-Dec 2020
Twyford - Newton Purcell early works	Oct-Summer 2021

What is Buckinghamshire Council doing to mitigate impacts on communities?

Buckinghamshire Council remains opposed to HS2. We are working tirelessly to mitigate the impact of the construction and the project on our local communities, environment and infrastructure. We continue to influence the design of the railway, the lorry routes and traffic management to reduce the impacts of the scheme.

HS2 is a huge infrastructure project affecting the whole county to a greater or lesser extent and its construction will cause disruption to a wide swath of Buckinghamshire.

We will use every opportunity to remind our residents and communities of the changes we have made to the HS2 proposals to reduce the disruption and impact on them.

HS2 Ltd and their contractors have the responsibility to consider the impact of the proposals on the environment and local residents and to ensure that the proposals do not exceed those set out in the Environment Statement and Environmental Minimum Requirements (EMRs). We continue to hold them to account.

HS2 Ltd also has the responsibility to keep local residents and communities informed and engaged on their proposals, what is going to happen, when it is going to happen and why it is going to happen.

We have regular meetings at all levels with HS2 Ltd and their contractors, including with our Chief Executive and senior officers from HS2 Ltd. We have been working with the contractors to encourage them to engage and update our Community Boards as well as their established meetings. We are often asked to intervene on behalf of parish councils or individuals if they are not getting the responses they require from HS2 Ltd/contractors. We dealt with 50 complaints/enquiries regarding HS2 in August, 76 in September and 72 in October.

HS2 Forthcoming Works Packages

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

Schedule 17 package	Location	Target submission date
Chalfont St Giles Vent Shaft Plans and Specifications	Chalfont St Giles	Nov 2020

Amersham Vent Shaft Plans and Specifications	Amersham	Nov 2020
Twyford Embankment / Twyford Viaduct / Cowley Embankment / Twyford Cutting / Godington East Viaduct / Godington East Embankment / Chetwode Embankment	Twyford to Chetwode (AVDC package 14)	Nov 2020
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)	Nov 2020
Bicester Road Embankment / Waddesdon South Cutting / Bridleway FMA/1 overbridge / A41 Bicester Road realignment and overbridge / Footpath WAD/4 Accommodation overbridge	Putlowes to Waddesdon (AVDC Package 09)	Dec 2020
Wendover Green Tunnel Ellesborough Road re-construction Wendover north cutting Nash Lee Road and overbridge	Nash Lee (AVDC Package 04)	Dec 2020

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

HS2 Land and Property Review

The review examined HS2 Ltd's operational acquisition processes and, where the evidence demonstrated it, associated wider-government policies. It focussed on 4 areas. How to:

- deliver a step-change in community engagement on the land and property acquisition programme
- protect the interests of those impacted
- improve process efficiency and delivery by HS2 Ltd
- drive a better tone, showing conspicuous respect, courtesy and understanding

You can see the full recommendations here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/hs2-land-and-property-review>

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