



WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

The Clock Tower, High Street, Wendover,
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP22 6DU

WPC Policy on HS2 Planning Issues

1. Aims and Objectives

On 25 November 2013, the government deposited a hybrid Bill with Parliament titled 'High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act'. The Act grants the powers to HS2 Ltd to construct Phase One of the HS2 network, but also grant powers to: build, operate and maintain HS2.

The HS2 line goes through Wendover parish. Information regarding the route can be found at www.hs2.org.uk. Look for CFA10.

As the HS2 construction progresses Wendover Parish Council expects parishioners to have concerns. This document sets out the contacts and information that you need.

2. Request for Help from Residents Regarding HS2 Matters

The line goes through the Parish of Wendover and it's construction and operation will have a negative impact on parish life".

The construction phase of HS2 is subject to UK planning legislation.

Wendover Parish Council will take note of HS2 planning applications but will NOT be offered the opportunity to consult on them. We are not statutory consultees in the Schedule 17 process.

The bulk of the construction will take place within the geographical limits set out in the High-Speed Rail Act. The construction within these limits is deemed to have planning permission granted. AVDC, the current planning authority for Wendover, will receive applications under Schedule 17 of the High-Speed Rail Bill. The officers of that Council will consider these submissions within a framework laid out in the Act. Parish Councils will be made aware of the proposal but there is no mechanism for parishes to comment through the established planning process. If WPC wishes to comment on proposals the only route is to use HS2/EK or the planning authority complaints procedures. Anyone can use these channels, so the WPC has the same status as any parishioner. It is also possible to discuss any concerns with your district/county Councillor.

Further planning applications may be received from EK/HS2 that will be considered under the established planning process. i.e. not included in the Act. These fall into two main categories.



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Category 1 is any construction works that fall outside of the limits laid out in the act. These submissions will appear on the planning authority planning portal and Parish Councils will process them in the usual way.

Category 2 is any works that are generated by third parties, not EK/HS2, as a result of HS2. These submissions will appear on the planning authority planning portal and Parish Councils will process them in the usual way.

It must be noted that in April the responsibility for planning process is handed to the New Buckinghamshire Council.

3. Solutions to Requests

Enquiries/queries requests and complaints can be dealt with in a number of different ways: -

Parishioners who contact the WPC with queries relating to HS2 planning issues should be encouraged to contact the appropriate helpline or individual directly in the first instance.

Where appropriate or necessary Wendover Parish Council will contact AVDC Planning Support for their advice.

The Planning Clerk will report any response to the Planning Committee who may agree to contact all of the following people may be contacted:

Vernon.Loo@hs2.org.uk

Skitchen@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

rnewcombe@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

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Director Planning and Enforcement AVDC
District Councillor
Buckinghamshire County Councillor
District Councillor
MP for Aylesbury and surrounding areas
HS2 General Help Line

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