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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>

Court of Appeal Judgement for London Borough of Hillingdon

The local authority argued that the chosen site for a habitat for Great Crested Newts could be of archaeological interest and required further investigation, and also questioned whether the habitat could be better sited elsewhere.

The court's ruling said, "The duty to perform an assessment of impact, and possible mitigation and modification measures under Schedule 17, has been imposed by parliament squarely and exclusively upon the local authority. It cannot be circumvented by the contractor taking it upon itself to conduct some non-statutory investigation into impact. We also conclude that the authority is under no duty to process a request for approval from HS2 Ltd unless it is accompanied by evidence and information adequate and sufficient to enable the authority to perform its statutory duty."

Buckinghamshire Council is currently considering what this means for their approach to determining Schedule 17 applications.

Chalfont St Peter Vent Shaft Design

Taking its inspiration from the style of local barns and other agricultural buildings, HS2 Ltd says the headhouse is designed to fit into the surrounding landscape. The headhouse contains ventilation and emergency access to the high-speed rail line's 10 mile-long Chiltern tunnel. Further details and images can be viewed here:

<https://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/18601796.hs2-chiltern-tunnel-vent-shafts-will-look/>

HS2 Forthcoming Works Packages

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

Schedule 17 package	Location	Forecast date
Chalfont St Peter Vent Shaft Plans and Specifications	Chalfont St Peter	Aug 2020
Wendover Dean South / Embankment / Wendover Dean Viaduct / Wendover Dean North Embankment / Rocky Lane Cutting (package 2)	Wendover Dean	Aug 2020
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 (package 13a)	Aug 2020
Creation of Western Valley slopes earthworks and realignment of Tilehouse Lane and erection of south portal buildings	Land between the A412, M25, Chalfont Lane and Shire Lane	Sep 2020
Chalfont St Giles Vent Shaft Plans and Specifications	Chalfont St Giles	Sep 2020
Twyford Embankment / Twyford Viaduct / Cowley Embankment / Twyford Cutting / Godington East Viaduct / Godington East Embankment / Chetwode Embankment	Twyford to Chetwode	Sep 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 (package 10)	Sep 2020

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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