

HS2 LIAISON REPORT 2021-22

The HS2 Liaison meetings are an opportunity for all Northamptonshire Parishes and Towns affected by the works to raise any issues and questions on behalf of residents with HS2, EKFB, National Highways, WNC officers and Councillors, Dame Andrea Leadsom MP and Department for Transport.

There have been a few meetings this year, which Syresham Parish Council have attended. A wide-ranging list of issues have been discussed including gantry design, road surface deterioration, woodland clearance and tree planting, cyclepaths and road closure planning.

Detailed design packages are due imminently, when residents will be able to see the final plans for works in the area.

The focus for 2022 in this area – the completion of A43 access road to compound and earthworks. Radstone Road (Brackley-Helmdon) will be closed from July 2022 – Sat pm and Sunday open July-Nov 2022, Feb-Nov 2023 and 2024 – these are the Earthworks seasons.

A43 - Narrow lanes will be installed on the A43 to allow for the Main compound slip roads to be built. Plans for the A43 overbridge to start construction summer 2022. There will inevitably be some disruption as the bridge is constructed. However, National Highways have confirmed that there will always be 4 lanes open. There will be a A43 sub meeting coming up soon.

There have been calls from SNATRA for a cycleway to be included in the bridge design. There have been discussions between Department for Transport and HS2 who have agreed to include a cycleway within the designs, but they must fit within the existing width of the bridge. The Brackley Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan will also include this.

WNC are recruiting an **HS2 Marshall** to monitor construction and to help residents find resolutions to any issues.

Road Safety Fund – Ongoing schemes are complete. WNC have confirmed there is still money in the pot, they now have to consider how best to spend the rest of the fund. There will be discussions about the feasibility of remaining schemes.

If residents have any queries or complaints then just contact the HS2 Helpdesk who will put you in touch with the local liaison officers

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