

# HS2

# Buckinghamshire Council

Communities and Localism Select Committee

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# Constructing HS2 in Buckinghamshire



Responsible for the delivery of:

- The Colne Valley Viaduct and the Western Valley Slopes
- HS2's Chiltern Tunnel
- Five shafts along the route of the tunnel
- The north portal of the tunnel, located near Great Missenden

Responsible for the delivery of:

- HS2 between Great Missenden and Turweston in Buckinghamshire
- A number of key design features inc Wendover Green Tunnel, Small Dean / Wendover Dean Viaducts
- The interface with East West Rail and the HS2 Infrastructure Maintenance Depot
- Stoke Mandeville Relief Road



# HS2

## Consents Engagement

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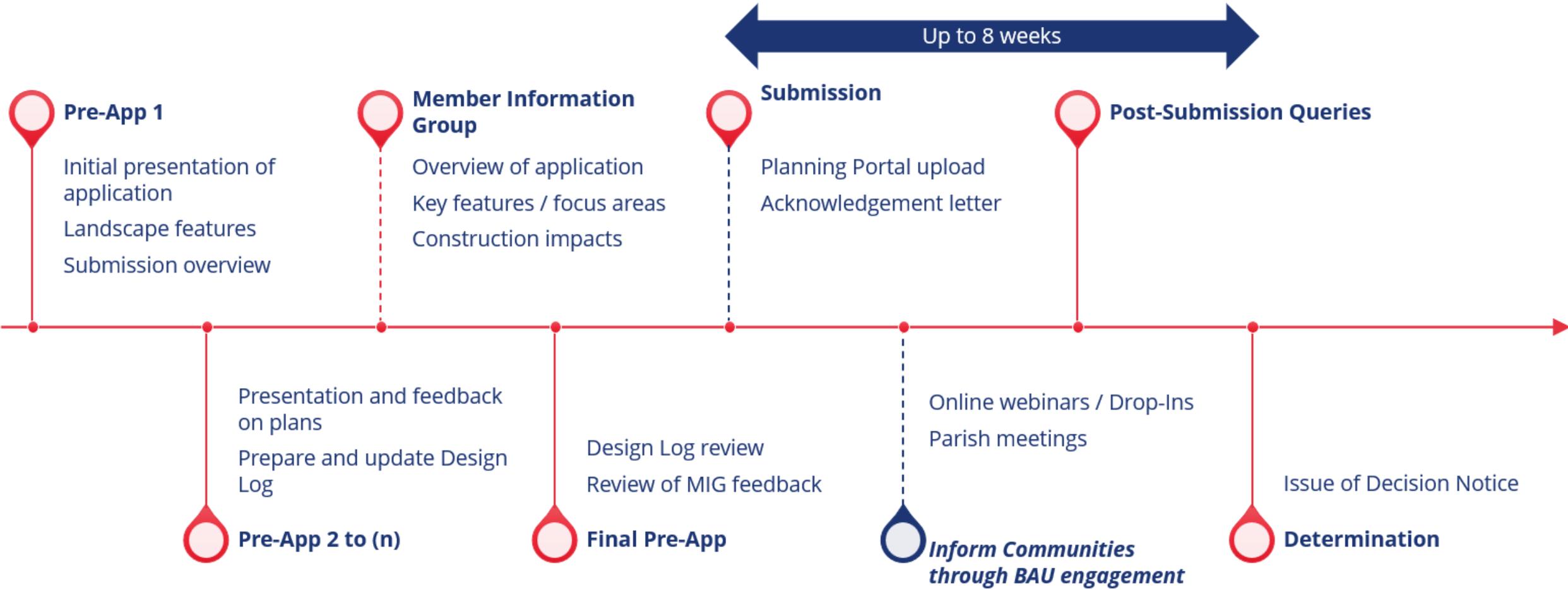
# HS2 Act

- Grants powers to acquire land, build, maintain and operate the railway
- Dis-applies some legislation
- Specific provisions on powers and role of the local authorities
- Buckinghamshire Council have summarised the HS2 Act, and the associated legislation, and placed it online to aid local understanding. This content can be found [here](#)



High Speed Rail  
(London - West  
Midlands) Act 2017

# Planning Approvals under Schedule 17 (non-KDE)



Existing Process

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New Process

Planning Memorandum requires proportionate forward discussions. The above process is likely to replicate larger non-KDE submissions.  
Applications of a minor nature may have shorter/limited pre-app

# HS2

# Community Engagement

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Head of Community & Stakeholder Engagement, HS2

# Community Engagement Strategy

## How we will engage with you



We will keep you updated on issues that affect your area.



We will involve you in opportunities as we plan and build HS2.



We will listen to you and help with your questions and concerns.



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Respecting people,  
Respecting places



HS2 Community  
Engagement Strategy

Updated  
October 2021

# Informing, involving, responding



Regular meetings



Events and webinars



Website and online

**ALIGN** Working in partnership with **HS2**

### Temporary traffic lights and construction update: Chesham Road

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. This notice is to inform you of temporary traffic lights in place at Chesham Road site along with a construction update for the main works.

**Why are we doing these works?**  
Over the last few months, you will have seen our intervention shaft site at Chesham Road being set up. The intervention shaft, located off the B485 at Hyde End, near Gt Missenden, is an important structure for the railway because it will provide access for emergency services. We are now ready to begin the excavation and construction of the shaft itself.

**What will we be doing?**  
In November we will begin works to construct the outside wall of the intervention shaft at Chesham Road. The construction method being used is known as the caisson method where a temporary sheet pile cofferdam is constructed. These are preformed corrugated steel piles which are driven in from the surface. The cofferdam is circular and allows excavation of the weaker superficial clays so that the caisson can be installed directly into the stronger chalk.

**Notification**

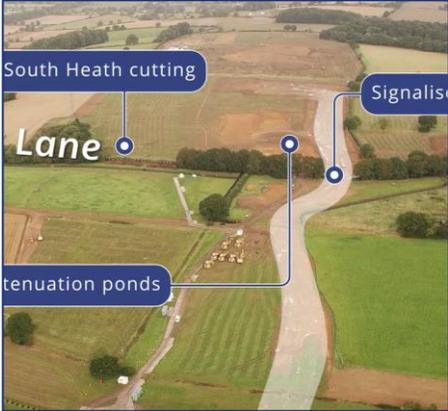
**Duration of works**  
Caisson construction from mid November until summer 2022

Working hours are 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. Our contractors will be on site for one hour's start-up and shut down either side of these times. There will be at least two days each week where works will take place over 24 hours. We do not plan to work on a Sunday.

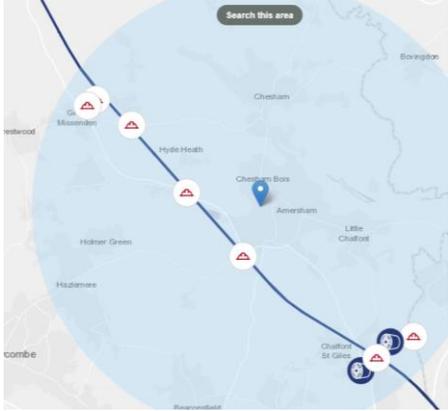
Notifications



Mobile visitor centre



Use of drone footage



In your area updates

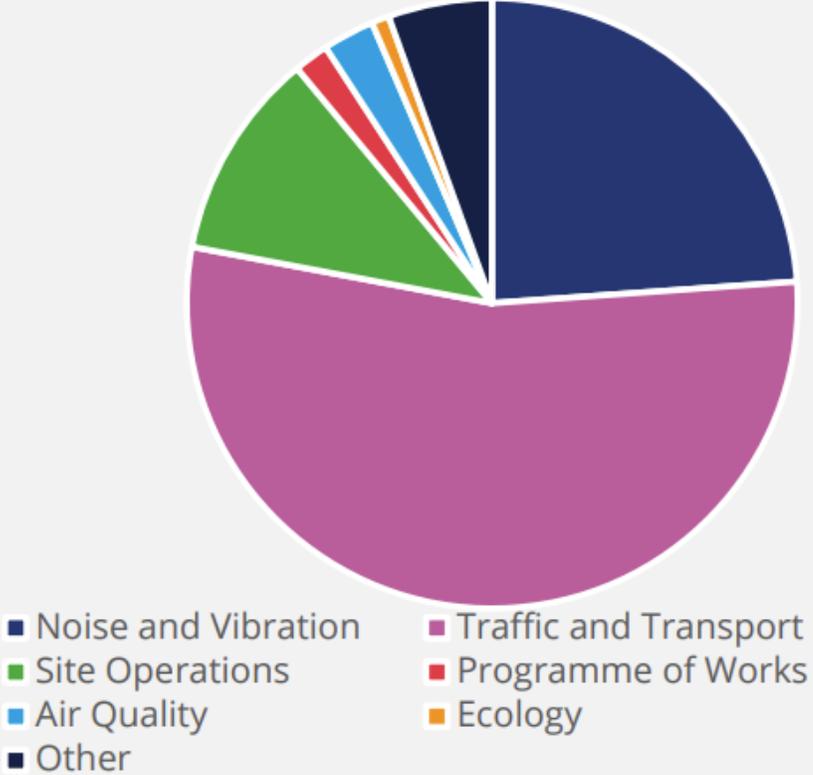


Helpdesk

# Complaints & Enquiries

## Construction Complaints by Category FY2022/23 (Year-to-Date) - Buckinghamshire Council

Category	Count
Noise and vibration	26
Traffic and Transport	59
Site Operations	12
Programme of Works	2
Air Quality	3
Ecology	1
Other	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>

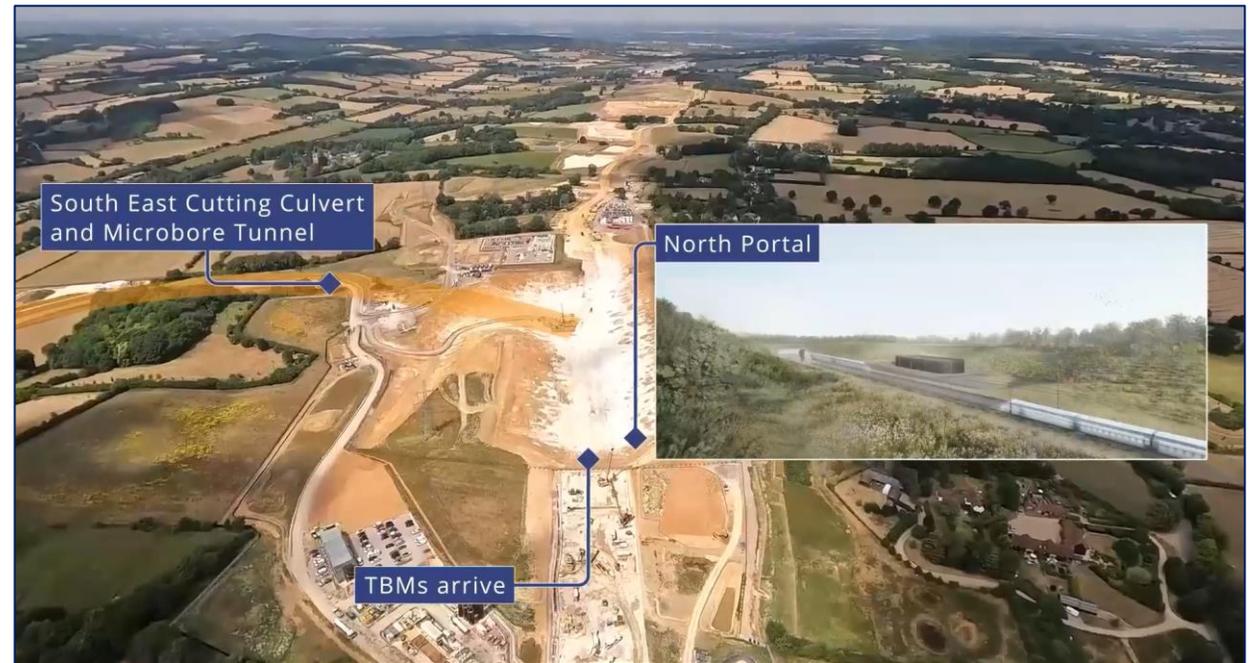


**99%** of complaints answered in 20 working days (FY2022/23)

**100%** of complaints answered at the 1<sup>st</sup> step of the complaints process (FY2022/23)

# You said, we did

- **“Line of route overview”**
  - Annotated drone footage released every 2 months detailing current works. Footage now available to community and parish leads
  
- **“Programme, consents and engagement clarity”**
  - Lookaheads produced monthly and distributed to Buckinghamshire Council and community/parish leads

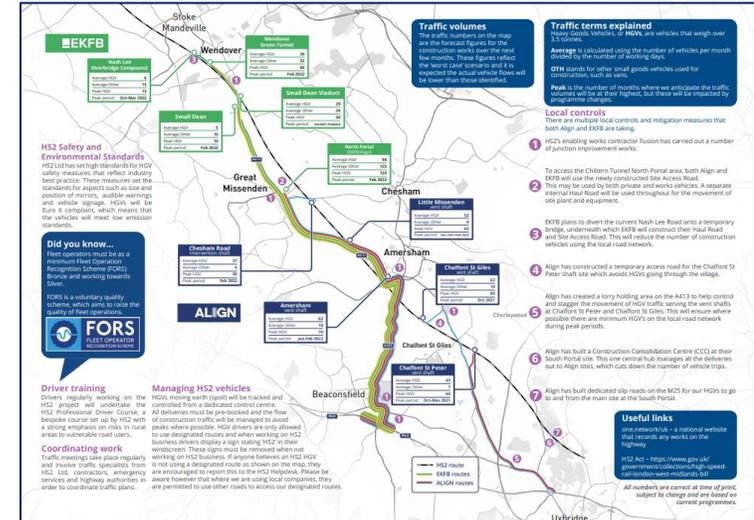


		2022		
		Aug	Sep	Oct
Pre-Treatment Equipment Demobilisation	ALIGN	[Bar chart showing activity in August]		
Main earthworks continuing	EKFB	[Bar chart showing activity in August]		
D-wall/Barrette/Slurry plug - Excavation	ALIGN	[Bar chart showing activity in August]		
D-wall/Barrette/Slurry plug - Concreting	ALIGN	[Bar chart showing activity in August]		
Site Fencing	ALIGN	[Bar chart showing activity in August]		
Piling and Grouting Equipment Demobilisation	ALIGN	[Bar chart showing activity in August]		
Piling Platform Dismantling and Reinstatement of Natural Ground	ALIGN	[Bar chart showing activity in August]		
Drainage Installation Works	ALIGN	[Bar chart showing activity in August]		
Headwall Excavation Works	ALIGN	[Bar chart showing activity in August]		
Construction of Roads and Platforms	ALIGN	[Bar chart showing activity in August]		
Microbore Tunnel	EKFB	[Bar chart showing activity in August]		

\*Dates are approximate and subject to change

# You said, we did

- **“More information on lorry movements”**
- Traffic Guide issued 2/3 times a year detailing predicted HGV volumes



- **“More public facing events”**
- Mobile Visitor Centre launched with multiple community events taking place each month



# You said, we did

- ***“A map of all the key sites in Bucks”***
  - Map produced with input provided by Bucks officers and members
- ***“Open your sites to community visits”***
  - Multiple sites recently attended by community representatives



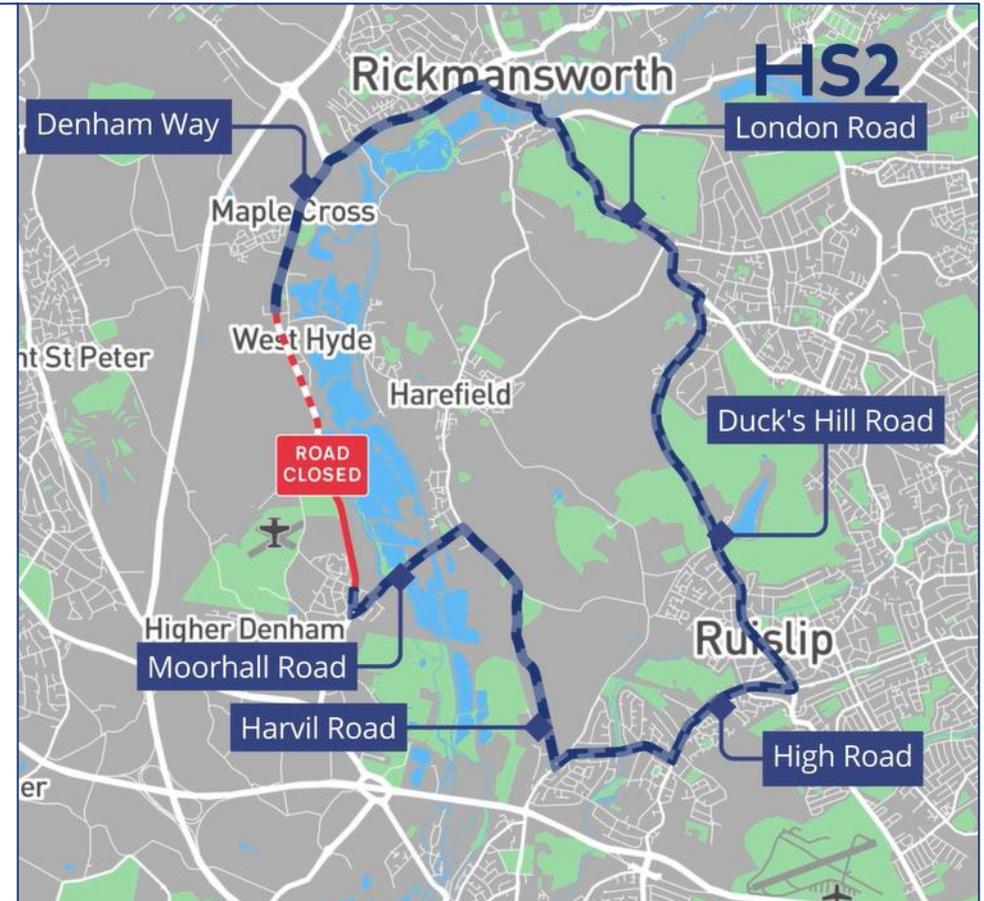
# You said, we did

- *“We need to understand the impact of road closures”*
- Phasing videos produced to aid community understanding

The A412 will be closed in both directions between West Hyde and Denham every night from 10pm to 6am.

These works are due to take place from **19 August** until **25 October 2022**.

A temporary diversion will be in place when the road is closed.



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## Legacy Opportunities

# HS2 Community & Business Funds

A total of £40 million is available for community and business groups along the Phase One route to improve their local area or support their local economy

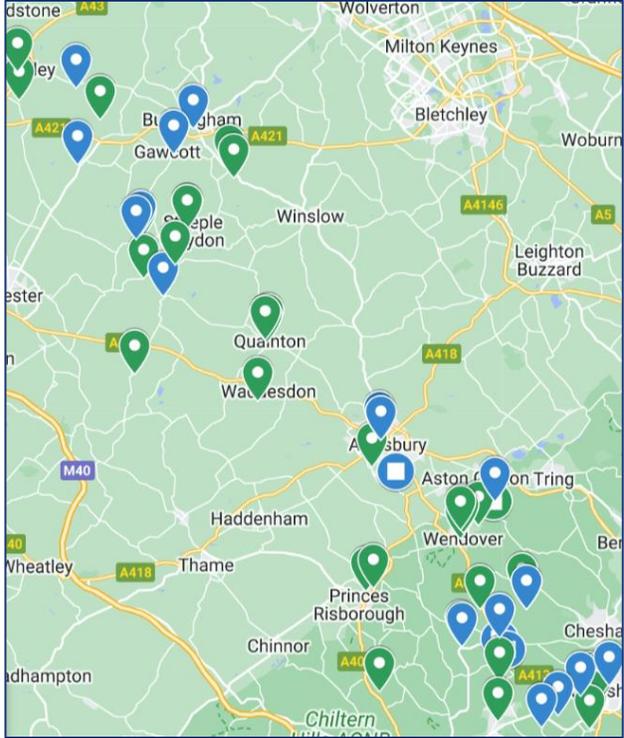
+£3.6m

**£3,620,000** has been awarded in Buckinghamshire from HS2's Community & Environment Fund (CEF) and Business & Local Economy Fund (BLEF)

64

**64** local projects in Buckinghamshire have received funding since 2017

Recent awards include **Chalfont St Giles Village Pond, South Bucks Radio, Penn Street Cricket Club and Little Chalfont Charitable Trust**



**CEF & BLEF Project Map**

# Further funding

## Road Safety Fund



## Woodland Fund



## Area Specific funding

**Area specific funding for Buckinghamshire**

**£3m Colne Valley additional mitigation plan**

Funding for additional landscape and ecological mitigation and enhancements within the Colne Valley Regional Park, in furtherance and beyond the mitigation proposed within the HS2 Proposed Scheme. This may encompass proposals both within and outside the present HS2 Bill limits.

Funds are administered through the Colne Valley Regional Park Panel.

X projects approved to date with a total investment of £1.7m.

**£3m Chilterns AONB Panel**

Funding to support the identification and delivery of local environmental integration and enhancement measures (over and above that proposed in the Environmental Statement or related detailed design).

Buckinghamshire Council is the commissioning authority for this funding. The Chilterns AONB Review Group has been established to drive this work. This group is made up of Local Authorities in the Chilterns affected by HS2, the Chilterns Conservation Board, Natural England, Department for Transport and HS2 Ltd.

3 projects approved to date with a total investment of £741k.

## Localised Community Investment



# HS2 Skills and Employment

We are committed to leaving a positive economic legacy across the route of the new railway, working with our contractors, local business organisations and stakeholders to help local people and businesses access opportunities offered by HS2.

## JOBS & SKILLS

### Apprenticeship Starts



24

24 new apprenticeship starts and have been in their apprenticeship for more than 12 weeks.

### Workless Job Starts



69

69 people that were previously not in work and have been in employment for more than 26 weeks

## MORE INFORMATION

### HS2 Jobs Board

Find out about opportunities to work on HS2 and vacancies across the HS2 supply chain: [hs2.org.uk/careers/careers-with-our-supply-chain](https://www.hs2.org.uk/careers/careers-with-our-supply-chain)

### Your local HS2 website

Community website with updates on local activities: [www.HS2inBucksandOx.co.uk](https://www.HS2inBucksandOx.co.uk)

### The HS2 Helpdesk is available all day, every day

Freephone: 08081 434 434  
Minicom: 08081 456 472  
Email: [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)  
Online: [hs2.org.uk/contact-form](https://www.hs2.org.uk/contact-form)

# Current opportunities

## Creating jobs, building the economy

We are actively recruiting new roles across HS2 and our supply chain, including apprenticeships and internships.

Search and apply for  
your next role today:



[hs2.org.uk/jobs-and-skills](https://hs2.org.uk/jobs-and-skills)



### Jobs and Skills

## Building a diverse, world-class supply chain

With 400,000 supply chain contract opportunities on Phase One alone, there are huge opportunities for UK businesses to deliver Britain's new high-speed railway.

See what opportunities  
are available for you:



[hs2.org.uk/supply-chain](https://hs2.org.uk/supply-chain)



### Supply chain contracts

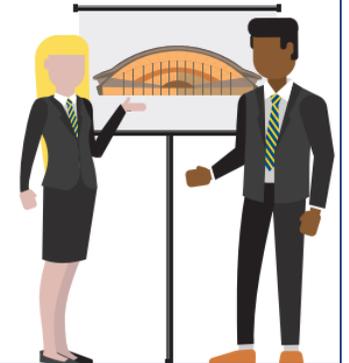
## Inspiring young people

We've developed a collection of resources to support teachers. They aim to inspire young people to take an interest in STEM subjects and careers.

To view and  
download:



[hs2.org.uk/jobs-and-skills/  
hs2-educational-programme](https://hs2.org.uk/jobs-and-skills/hs2-educational-programme)



### Educational resources

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# Community Investment

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# Community Investment Case Study

Additional Community Investment content to be presented at Committee



# Questions

