

HS2 Liaison Report – February 2026

- Letter regarding concerns about communications and additional traffic using Church Street and Welsh Lane has been sent.
- Conversation held with DB at EKFB – A meet and greet event has been arranged in The Reading Room on Wednesday 11th March from 1pm to 4pm.
- On speaking to the webmaster about setting up a page on the website to report HS2 information as I couldn't find anything when doing a search of the website he informed me that there is a section for some information about HS2 but it doesn't include minutes of meetings, and the community newsletters do not seem to have been published since Autumn 2024, so the webmaster has moved it to a different place on the website where it should be easier to find, and I have started to get relevant documents uploaded to that section of the site.
- Links to sign up directly for HS2 newsletters have been added to our site.
- A meeting relating to the A43 overbridge capacity for a cycle/footway was held last week and attendees included HS2, EKFB, National Highways, and others. Unfortunately whoever organised this meeting does not seem to have been aware of the change to HS2 representative for Helmdon PC so I was not informed about the meeting, hence my non-attendance. I will try to ensure that the relevant people are aware of the changes within Helmdon Parish Council although it appears that some people have been given conflicting information so they are currently unsure who to contact. I will try to get this resolved asap. I have requested a copy of the minutes from the meeting and the feedback I have received so far from this meeting is as follows:
 - We have for many months been trying to get National Highways to confirm that there is space for a cycle way etc on the bridge, we have had numerous oblique confirmations that there was room, we were advised 2 weeks ago that this was in fact not the case. This was confirmed at the meeting.
 - It was left that we look into the LCWIP model for the A43 Syresham/Brackley route and submit a proposal. The fact is there maybe room on the bridge but it will go ahead with out anything being confirmed.
 - On another note the Radstone Road bridge is on target to open as advised but is very much subject to a decent break in the weather.

Clerk

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