

REPORT ON HS2 FORUM MAY 2026

A lengthy meeting took place, well beyond 12 noon scheduled ending.

A report was received from EKFB on progress either side of Southam.

Various concerns were raised on the condition of the rural roads and the co-ordination of closures.

Report from Sara Lee, on the BBV works from Stoneleigh to Burton Green. The highlight was film footage of a fly-through by drone, showing the route as of now. Informed that there would be two more years of intense work by the contractors, then winding down until the route is handed over to others for the rails and overhead cables to be installed.

Cllr Marsh's question about co-ordination of roadworks between HS2, utilities, WCC, house builders was raised. It was acknowledged that some co-ordination does take place however there remain challenges.

Mention of a likely move to a lower max speed for HS2 to c. 200mph (now made public).

The next public drop-in session at tKC on 17th Sept.

Cllr Peter Jones

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