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**To:** ["Engagement"; "HS2Enquiries"; "HS2Complaints"](#)  
**Cc:** ["HS2 Construction Commissioner"](#)  
**Subject:** A413 - Obstruction, round 4  
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Dear HS2 / EKFB Engagement

Firstly, could you please indicate why it was necessary to construct a 30m long concrete barrier beside the A413 to protect the support for the Smalldean conveyor, while a foot or so of fresh air is apparently adequate protection for pedestrians over the next few hundred meters ?



Thank you for your responses (attached) to my complaint of 22<sup>nd</sup> May –

[http://www.hs2amersham.org.uk/Resources/Construction/A413/Obstruction\\_Part3.pdf](http://www.hs2amersham.org.uk/Resources/Construction/A413/Obstruction_Part3.pdf)

I was awaiting a response from Bucks before replying, but this has not yet materialised.

I welcome the reopening of Smalldean Lane to cyclists and pedestrians, and have used it myself a couple of times. I informed the Chiltern Society cycle group that it was now open. I presume that it would be advisable to inform you in advance if an organised ride (~24 cyclists) planned to use the Lane ? While Smalldean Lane is a minor diversion for cyclists, it is a significantly longer route for pedestrians.

### **Outstanding Issues**

These were not addressed –

- 1) I have yet to see any attempt to justify the position of the security fencing on the East side of the A413; as it lies within the highway boundary, it constitutes an offence under section 137 of the Highways act. See page 13 of my complaint (above).
- 2) I was hoping that you might take some measures to establish a safe passage for pedestrians through the Smalldean works. This could be provided fairly easily on the East side, in the space left between the side of the road and the existing security fence. Why has this not been done ?

Would you please respond to these two issues, and the question raised in the first paragraph. Meanwhile, I will also request a response from Bucks.

Regards,  
Dr Jim Conboy,

Chairman,

HS2 Amersham Action Group



<http://www.hs2amersham.org.uk/>

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**Subject:** A413 - Obstruction, round 4 - HS2 Ref. HS2-22-80154-E  
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**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)

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Dear Dr Conboy,

Thank you for contacting the HS2 Helpdesk regarding our works on the A413.

I believe that Jon Deas addressed your query around the concrete barrier last week on a Teams meeting. To reiterate, the concrete barrier is there to protect the pier of the bridge, in the unlikely event of a road traffic accident the danger of the bridge being brought down is eliminated.

With regards to maintaining a footway along the road, the A413 London Road has never been a public right of way and the road did not have a footway before we started construction, although we understand that people do occasionally walk along there and do so at their own risk. This section of road in question will be realigned multiple times in order to construct the Small Dean Viaduct and prior to that we are required to undertake significant utility diversion works making it unsafe as a walking route.

The planned start date of these works was 24th July but this has now been pushed back into August, with a lane closure in place it would not be safe for pedestrians to use this route and is something we do not want to encourage. In addition to these works there are a large number of plant movements taking place which we would also like to keep pedestrians segregated from as much as possible for safety reasons.

An extension to footpath WEN/57/1 is underway which will enable walkers, cyclists and those on horseback to circumvent our works on Small Dean Lane making a safe alternative route to using London Road.

I hope that helps to address your further concerns and queries.

Kind regards,

Chloe

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Dear Dr Conboy

We have been asked by Jackie Copcutt to send you the attached and advise the following:

The plan attached is taken from the Environmental Statement Deposited Plans (Feb 2016) which show the Scheduled Works and Limits of Land to be Acquired and Used (LLAU) around the proposed Small Dean Viaduct. As you can see, HS2 Ltd has the powers to Acquire and Use highway roadside verge.

Kind Regards

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