

HS2 and Eiffage Kier report for Evenley's annual parish meeting April 2019

Cher Snudden, HS2 Community Engagement Manager

Chris James, Eiffage Kier (EK) Community Engagement Manager

Cher advised that the community environment fund (CEF) is open to small groups to apply to. Please visit: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/hs2funds> . You can also read about how the funds have supported local communities and businesses.

The common place website is: <https://hs2innorthants.commonplace.is/> where you can subscribe to news and updates and find out more about what's happening in the area.

Chris James reported that EK is the main works contractor for the 50-metre section of railway from South Aylesbury to Southam.

Over the last year, EK has been planning and preparing ground investigations to better understand the area; this will continue over the summer.

Works to compounds and access roads will commence towards the end of the year. He and Cher continue to engage with local communities and one of the key issues to come out of discussions is the effect of traffic during construction.

Chris advised that the A421 rather than the A422 will be taking the brunt of traffic. Heavy goods vehicles will have visible HS2 signage on, and will follow dedicated access routes taking them from the M40 to the A43 and along 'A' roads. There will be easy access to compounds from the 'A' roads. They will share landscaping visuals and traffic plans with the parish council towards the end of the year (showing routes and traffic movements).

The primary access route for the Mixbury compound will be off the A421.