



**FRIENDS OF BODDINGTON MONTHLY REPORT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**DECEMBER 2nd. 2020**

Following the report to the Parish Council on the November 4<sup>th</sup>., emails from HS2, EKFB and FUSION. I am pleased to report the following information.

**Action points from the November FoB report to the PC**

Questions to Nisha Meyer, HS2.

1. Please confirm if the existing National Grid had sufficient capacity to run HS2 phase 1. if not, what new resources would be required.

*Answer to Q1 below:*

*The latest electrical modelling for Phase 1, 2A and 2B has demonstrated full capacity to supply the necessary power to trains without impacting the existing national grid.*

*The National Grid has sufficient capacity to supply HS2 phase 1.*

*This was determined as part of the design development process, where HS2 Ltd. evaluated the traction power demand and provided the information to National Grid as part of the application process for new connections to the national grid system. This enables National Grid to carry out their obligations under the Grid Code.*

*As part of its obligations under the Grid Code, National Grid has to manage the demand and supply of energy within the national grid system, ensuring that there is sufficient power to meet the forecasted demand on the system.*

*The offer of a connection to the National Grid system is based on a technical assessment of the ability of the system to support the load being connected to it.*

*HS2 has connection agreements in place for its connection points to the national grid system.*

2. The answer provided by Chris James regarding the marked trees on Claydon Lane LB was not satisfactory as it did not answer whether the marked trees would be removed and if so, what landscaping would be provided to replace them after construction. Many local residents are very concerned about the destiny of the aged oaks. FoB believe that the lack of face to face meetings due to Covid-19 is proving detrimental to establishing answers.

I had a meeting with Chris James on Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup>. and walked the Claydon Lane to discuss the marked trees and the FoB landscape concerns. It was agreed that FoB will hold a Microsoft Teams meeting on Thursday 17 December 2020.

**Fusion update by email on November 19<sup>th</sup>. from Josh Jones, Community Engagement Manager:**

*Here is a quick update on what Fusion, working on behalf of HS2, are undertaking over the next couple of months in the Boddington area.*

*We sent out a number of advance warning notices earlier on in the year detailing which archaeology works we planned on undertaking. This was at the Lower Boddington site (Cedars Farm) and Spella House sites. Due to delays in land possessions these had to be postponed and are now due to start in about two weeks' time. I have refreshed an attached notices for your information. They will be available on HS2s commonplace website shortly.*

*Across the line of the route near Boddington as well as the archaeology works we shall be undertaking routine hedgerow maintenance and fencing.*

*We are still in talks with SGN utility providers about moving the gas mains under Welsh Road east, the Welsh Road / A361 cross roads won't be completely open again until next year*

**November 2020 - The last time to see the Autumn leaves on the aged oak trees on the Claydon Lane, Lower Boddington:**



**HS2 Liaison Meeting:**

The next Microsoft Teams meeting is to be held on Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> 2020.

FoB works with the principle of fair mindedness for every resident in the Boddington parish, addresses community, heritage and conservation concerns, fights for the best interests of all parishioners to deliver a better deal for Boddington Parish.

Philip Freer

Friends of Boddington