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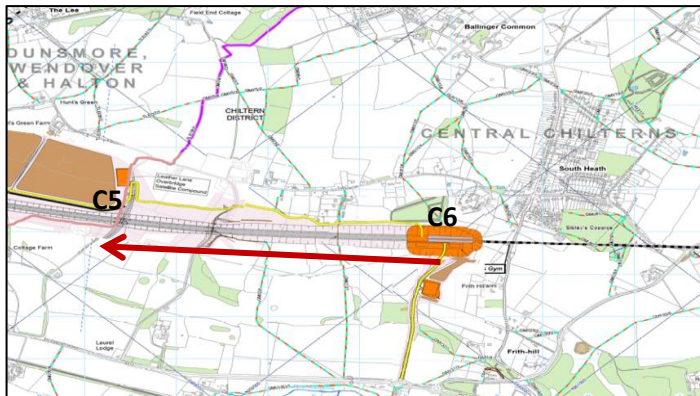


The new longer Chilterns Tunnel goes part way to delivering the REPA tunnel but leaves undone important mitigation that is achievable at little or no cost.

REPA TUNNEL PROPOSAL <i>to go the extra mile</i>	
What is it?	A further 1.5km (1 mile) extension to the Chiltern bored tunnel. Surfacing at Leather Lane (C5), instead of behind the gym (C6).
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protects over 100 homes within 500m zone, & a larger community within 1km, from noise, blight, health and well-being impacts. Preserves the amenity of three footpaths providing key access from Great Missenden for residents and visitors. Avoids damaging Jenkins ancient Woodland. Preserves an extra 1.5km (1 mile) of the AONB landscape. Avoids years of traffic congestion at Great Missenden link rd. Far less spoil to remove from the AONB eg over 600,000m³. Avoids the wider economic costs eg tourism, delays, blight.
Cost	It costs little or nothing more than the C6 proposed extension, which actually saved money – (HS2 Ltd estimate the cost at + £40/50m)
Time	No delay to the HS2 programme

We ask the Committee to extend the bored tunnel to Leather Lane (C5) which we believe is justified, & involves little or no extra cost over C6.

REPA campaigns to please “go that extra mile!.....”




The REPA Tunnel Proposal

....to now go that extra mile!



View over the Misbourne Valley from Mulberry Park Hill, in Potter Row. The house will still be demolished and the AONB devastated by the proposed route

REPA (the Residents' Environmental Protection Association) is an association of 12 local groups who joined forces in 2013 to do something about the dire consequences of HS2 on their communities of South Heath, Potter Row, Hyde End & Hyde Heath.

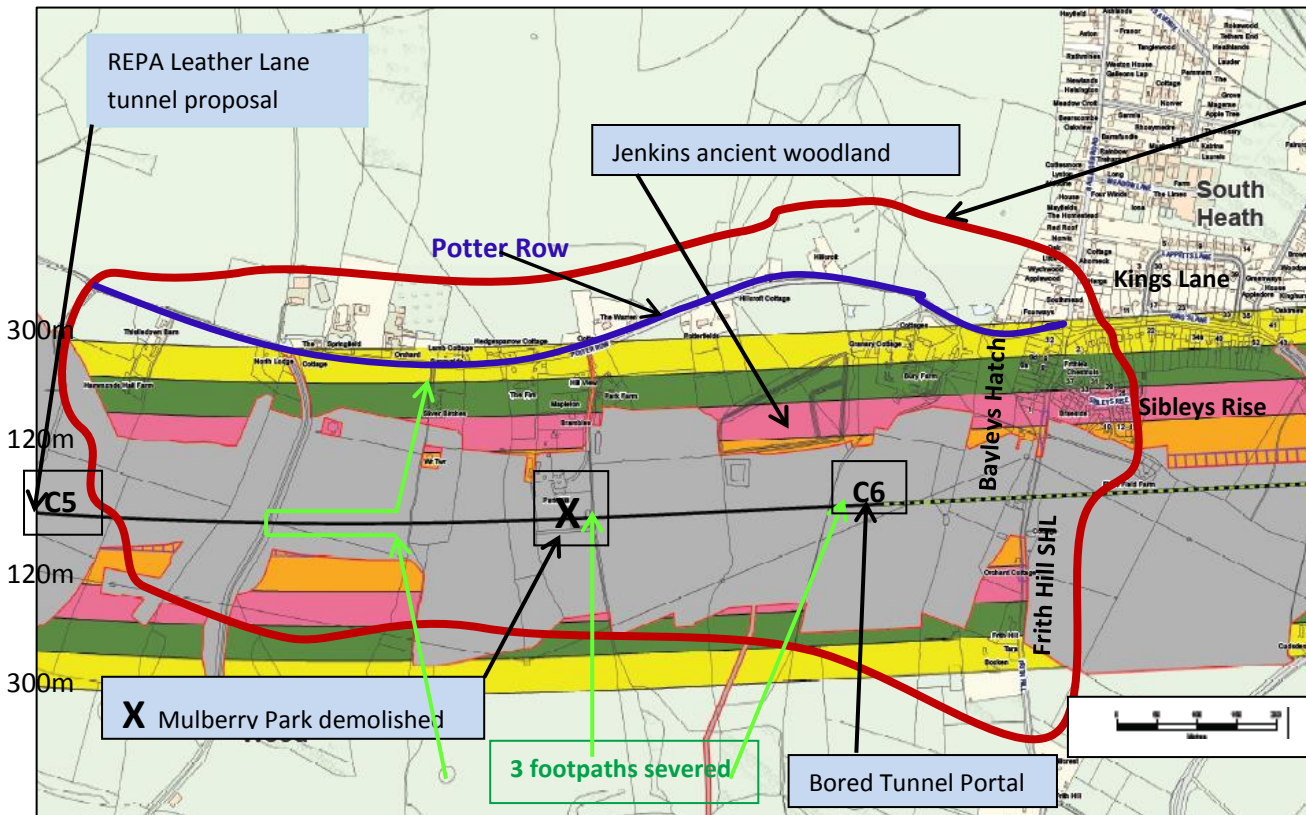
REPA is grateful that the Select Committee listened to their petition and decided we had made a case for a longer bored tunnel. But we are dismayed that the job is only half done.

Locating the new Chiltern tunnel north portal where the green tunnel ended leaves **much of South Heath and all of Potter Row** – a most tranquil part of our community – to suffer **noise, blight**, the effects on **amenity, stress**, and other impacts on **people's health & well-being**.

REPA asks the Select Committee to please **“go that extra mile!”**

You can find out more about REPA on www.repahs2.org.uk. REPA has over 800 members and is centred in the South Heath Area.

What's at Stake? – a Community still Sacrificed for HS2



HS2 Blight – who is affected by C6?

500m blight zone – 123 homes left exposed to the open line – 250+ people (compared to 4 homes if go a further mile to Leather Lane)

- 82 are “frontline” properties (in Potter Row, Bayleys Hatch, part of Sibleys Rise, and Frith Hill SH leg).
- £15m minimum wiped off blight zone values - money that those who manage to sell on average lose (15%).
- CBRE (DfT property advisers) show *portal blight* worse

Wider community impacts: almost all South Heath lies within 1km of portal – over 700 people, 300+ homes.

Potter Row community – a once highly desirable place

A community of 37 homes, almost 80 people, avge age 65

- Still possesses the character of **life in the tranquil Chiltern uplands**, unspoilt for 00's of yrs from its medieval origins.
- A place rooted in **history**, rich in **archaeology** and cultural **heritage**.
- The pub, the mission hall, and tea room no longer serve their original purpose but are preserved in a **living community** – in a setting to be irrevocably changed.

Noise and loss of amenity – for residents and visitors

- Gardens**, now tranquil, will no longer be enjoyed – 3 HS2 trains every 5 mins from early to late each day – and construction noise for years.
- Currently the ES says Potter Row & most of the blight zone will suffer in excess of **60dBmax peak noise**.
- The **3 footpaths** which are the **gateway** to the Chiltern Ridges & nearby landscape, will be eternally blighted.
- Gridlock at **the new road junction** (at GM link road roundabout) will affect the area during construction.

HS2 scythes its way the full length of Potter Row (1.8kms) under 300metres from the majority of homes. Other South Heath homes also lie close to the portal. Visitors too will no longer be able to appreciate the views, the walks & the landscape that have been largely untouched for centuries.

