

HS2 Report for RRA January 2019

A report on HS2 activities for last month.

1 BREAKSPEAR ROAD SOUTH

It is not clear when the planned 8 week closure on Breakspear Road South (BRS) will happen. The council are trying to push it back to the summer holidays.

2 POWER SUPPLY FROM RAYNERS LANE (TBM PS)

There is no change from last month. HS2 are pressing forward with the road route. LBH are still having discussions with TFL for the railway line route, but it doesn't sound too promising.

I have proposed a new route that avoids Ickenham High road which I am told "will be considered".

HS2 say that test borings along the route are likely to start in the next few months with main work expected to start Q3 2019 and will last around a year.

3 SWAKELEYS ROUNDABOUT REDESIGN

No major update. LBH have not given approval for the rework of Swakeleys roundabout but have requested more information on wider local traffic impacts. They have suggested that the proposed pedestrian and cycling improvements be pursued as a separate matter.

4 WEST RUISLIP

The building of the new junction onto the high road has been completed.

Tree and vegetation clearance has continued. With the clearance of the trees, noise from the Chiltern line has increased for residents.

It is not clear at present how much of the contractors good words about reusing the wood from the trees will actually happen in reality. The promises made about use of planks and chippings have not happened yet.

Damage was caused to both a lamp post and grass verges on Hill Lane (aka Clacks lane), which have partially been repaired.

5 COLNE VALLEY VIADUCT

Work on doing large test pilings is due to start in CVV area (Colne Valley Viaduct) soon. See previous report.

The next CVV public event has slipped and is now expected to be in mid to end of May, when the latest designs will be shown. .

6 OTHER ISSUES

6.1 Main construction

HS2 say that main construction is still expected to start on 1st June.

6.2 Security vehicles

HS2 are still investigating what data they can share with LBH about what their security patrols are getting up to.

6.3 Mud on roads

After my last complaint, HS2 are now installing wheel washing equipment on BRS sites to ensure mud should not get onto the roads. It is not clear why these were not installed previously.

6.4 Ruislip High Street

Thames Water will be undertaking manhole surveys along Ruislip High Street on Monday 4 March from 1am for up to 4 hours.

6.5 Works forward look

The scheduled works for the next 3 months can be seen here:

<https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/commonplace-customer-files/hs2inhillington/Hillingdon%20three%20month%20construction%20look%20ahead%20February%202019%20final%20V1.1.pdf>

7 MEETINGS

7.1 Liaison meetings

I had two meetings with HS2 last month; one of which was a traffic liaison meeting with LBH.

7.2 Drop in sessions

HS2 are running a number of drop-in sessions with HS2 and contractor staff as follows:

March

Monday 4, Ickenham library, 2pm to 5pm

Friday 15, Harefield library, 2pm to 5pm

Tuesday 26, Ruislip Manor, 2pm to 5pm

April

Thursday 4, Ickenham library, 4pm to 7pm

Friday 12, Harefield library, 2pm to 5pm

Tuesday 23, Ruislip Manor library, 2pm to 5pm

Monday 29, Ickenham library, 2pm to 5pm

8 COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES

I would encourage people to contact the HS2 helpline. They are slowly getting better (although still not up to where they should be) and if they don't get comments and complaints then HS2 seem to assume everything is ok with the local residents.

In particular, if you see something wrong, please do make a formal complaint.

Enquiries: HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, 24 hour help desk 08081 434 434

Complaints: HS2Complaints@hs2.org.uk

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