

## HS2 Report for RRA June 2019

There is a lot of activity happening on a daily basis behind the scenes. These are the main HS2 activities for last month.

### 1 CONSTRUCTION TIMESCALE

The “notice to proceed” approval for main construction is still delayed until “towards the end of the year”. See notes below for earlier work.

### 2 OBJECTION LETTER FOLLOW UP

Following my letter to the CEO, I was asked (along with one other local campaigner) to attend a meeting with the new Community Engagement Director for the area (Maddelyn Sutton) to discuss how the process could be improved. One key point we asked for is a look at plans much further out – say 12 months, so we can comment much earlier on the impact on the local area, and it is not too late then to get changes made.

The first meeting after this showed some improvement, but there is still a long way to go.

### 3 WEST RUISLIP

The work at West Ruislip has virtually halted for the last 4 weeks. However major work will recommence in September, including:

- Closing the golf course until at least 2024
- Removal off all vegetation including trees alongside the Chiltern line all the way to BRS, and some trees around the driving range.

### 4 BREAKSPEAR ROAD SOUTH

#### 4.1 Timescale

The closure of CVV is now set to be from 20 July to 14 September as follows:

- Phase 1 – Full road closure for 28 days, starting Saturday 20 July at 6am to Friday 16 August at 8pm
- Phase 2 - Northbound lane closure for 16 days, starting Friday 16 August at 8pm to Saturday 31 August at 6am
- Phase 3 – Full road closure for 15 days, starting Saturday 31 August at 6am to Saturday 14 September 2019 at 8pm

There will be no entry into New Year’s Green lane from BRS, although the rest of the road will remain 2 way for residents and businesses.

Let us hope they manage to complete all the works this time.

### 5 HARVIL ROAD

There is work planned on Harvil road from 17<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August. This is to erect screening alongside the road. The works will run overnight from 9 pm to 6 am. There will either be single line traffic with lights, or a road narrowing “chicane” arrangement

### 6 POWER SUPPLY FROM RAYNERS LANE (TBM PS)

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.

Health concerns had been raised about EMF (Electro Magnetic Frequency) emissions. UKPN (the power company involved) said the emissions would be around 0.3% of the recommended limits. I have asked for more details on who set the limits as it was claimed at least one cancer charity was involved.

I took the opportunity to raise again my idea about running the cables along Hill lane and across the golf course rather than the White Bear roundabout and Ickenham Road. They have promised to re-look at it.

## **7 WATER SUPPLY**

There is no update on our concerns about the drilling of viaduct pilings through the main west London aquifer which provides our water.

## **8 UPCYCLING OF WOOD**

HS2 have asked again about contacts for re-use of wood and chippings. I explained our previous disappointment with the process. However it may be worth trying again.

## **9 OTHER ISSUES**

### **9.1 Works forward look**

The scheduled works for the next 3 months should be posted soon at:

<https://hs2inhillington.commonplace.is/schemes/proposals/construction-forward-look/details>

## **10 MEETINGS**

### **10.1 Colne Valley Viaduct event**

The public event about the CVV held at Ruislip golf club on 6<sup>th</sup> June was very poorly attended. Not sure why.

### **10.2 Liaison meetings**

I had two meetings with HS2 last month. One the normal community meeting, and one with the new area Director.

A date has been arranged for the Residents' and Construction Commissioners to come for another visit in July.

### **10.3 Drop in sessions**

HS2 are planning more drop in sessions, see this link for details:

<https://hs2inhillington.commonplace.is/schemes/proposals/upcoming-local-events/details> .

## **11 COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES**

I would encourage people to contact the HS2 helpline. 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](mailto:HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk), 24 hour help desk 08081 434 434

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