HS2 Report for RRA July 2020

1 OVERALL STATUS

The project is ramping up. Expect to see a continual gradual increase in activities.

2 LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

The lack of a Hillingdon local engagement plan is subject to an ongoing complaint. We have been told we will get one in the medium term future.

Almost the entire community engagement team has been changed – certainly at the lower operational level. The contractors are expected to get more involved in dealing with the community. This is something I asked for 2 years ago, as they know much more about what is going on, but there is a risk it will be used by HS2 to be even less involved.

There is a meeting arranged for next month with the overall director of community engagement to go through our issues.

3 WEST RUISLIP

A large part of the golf course has reopened for walkers, but is only accessible from the river Pinn end. I have met the contractor's representative on site and asked for an opening at the clubhouse end. He has promised to look into it.

Councillor Corthorne raised the issues of ditch clearance, which is being investigated.

Maintenance (mowing etc) of the golf course was delayed by Covid but is due to recommence soon – with an ecologist being involved.

4 ULTILITY SUPPLIES FOR THE TBM

4.1 Power supply Rayners Lane to West Ruislip

The works have been completed around the High street and should be done this week on Ickenham High Road.

4.2 Water

The route for the new water supply is awaited with baited breath!

5 OTHER UTILITY WORKS

The ground investigations (GI) across the area are almost complete. The results are that there could be very significant works (particularly on roads) required in the Ruislip Manor and West Ruislip areas. However HS2 do not expect to know the extent of these for around 9-12 months when detailed design is done. The works basically have to be done before the TBMs (Tunnel boring Machines) go through the area.

6 HARVIL ROAD

Construction of the new Chiltern line bridge, road realignment and the Copthall cutting are due to start soon. This is due to last about 2.5 years and is likely to involve a lot of extra hgvs on Harvil road and some disruptions due to traffic management.

7 DENHAM ETC

Significant works are expected on the A412 near Denham Water Ski Club and Moorhall road. Part of the diversion route will be along Ruislip High Street. We asked if HS2 hgvs would use that route as we were told during the parliamentary proceedings they would not use the High Street. However as that was not written into the formal undertakings, they can ignore that and use the route with LBH's permission (which is difficult to withhold).

8 SETTLEMENT DEEDS

The Settlement deeds letters were due to go out in Hillingdon in July, but obviously did not happen. We await more information and a review meeting.

9 LORRY ROUTES

No update on the appeal to the route rejection but we can expect more hgv movements in the future.

10 MEETINGS

Meetings held in last month:

- Regular Community Engagement (CE)
- On-site with contractor to discuss golf course access

11 COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES

If you see something wrong, please do make a formal complaint. Feel free to copy me in at ptaylor@altroy.co.uk.

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