

## 1 OVERALL STATUS

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

Social distancing problems are reducing but still happening. This was raised again with HS2 and their key contractors.

## 2 LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

It has been pointed out that Hillingdon is the only area on the route that doesn't have a local engagement plan. I am chasing that up.

At a higher level meeting to try address the problems with Community engagement we were told that the Community Engagement Team (CET) was being restructured within HS2. What that means, and if it will result in improvements, waits to be seen.

## 3 WEST RUISLIP

The steps into the West Ruislip car park will close very soon. This is despite being told both in petitioning and in a CET meeting that they would stay open. HS2 are hiding behind the fact they have the legal authority to do this, but it is worrying how statements they have made get changed later.

## 4 ULTILITY SUPPLIES FOR THE TBM

### 4.1 Power supply Rayners Lane to West Ruislip

Some early works though normally very busy roads (e.g. the White Bear roundabout) are expected to start in June.

### 4.2 Water

Apparently a new route for the new water supply is being considered which will hopefully avoid the White Bear roundabout and Ickenham High Road.

I got a written response stating that residents would take priority over the HS2 works in the event of a future water shortage. That may be the situation now, but based on other policy changes we need to keep an eye on it.

## 5 DEWS LANE / HOAC

The situation with the family who live on Dews lane is disgraceful. It appears to be the security people causing the major problems, although the protestors are not helping the cause in the specific area. We asked for a named contact to whoever is responsible for the security teams within HS2, but were refused.

## 6 SETTLEMENT DEEDS

Settlement deeds are a vital document for any residential property over, or close to, the HS2 tunnels to protect them from potential subsidence etc. HS2 now say they believe 222 properties in Ruislip will be affected. This has been going on for years and is still no resolved satisfactorily. Being chased.

## 7 LORRY ROUTES

No update on the appeal to the route rejection.

## 8 U81 FOOTPATH

The closure of part of this footpath (U81, also part of the Hillingdon trail) from the Greenway under the Chiltern line and through the HS2 compound is delayed again but should be happening soon.

## **9 TIMBER USE**

HS2 are hoping to respond soon.

## **10 MEETINGS**

Meetings held in last month:

- Regular Community Engagement (CE) one – overran a great deal
- Higher level discussion with CE senior manager to express our discontent and offered ideas on how to improve it
- A very frustrating meeting on Settlement Deeds
- A call with Andrew Stephenson MP, the HS2 Minister, to discuss our grave concerns about HS2, their Community Engagement Team and the impact on our community. To be followed up.

## **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](mailto:ptaylor@altroy.co.uk).

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