

1 ICKENHAM GREEN ALLOTMENTS

Out of nowhere it suddenly came to our notice that in order to divert a Thames Water sewer, HS2 plan to take over the allotments at Ickenham Green from next September for 18 months. There would also be another works access onto Ickenham High road, next to the Soldiers Return pub. There are a lot of details which I can go through if people wish, but there has been a huge amount of communication, promises of a review, engagement of the local activists, councillors and MP, and the subject of a complaint.

HS2 have already started down the road of hiding behind Thames Water and appearing to want to wash their hands of the issue.

2 MUD ON ROAD

Following the council's formal enforcement letter the problem of mud and debris on Ickenham High road has dramatically improved. There is a concern about the amount of water they are using, especially as very cold weather is here. HS2 have stated in writing that their aim is not to ever have to use the road sweeper once their systems are sorted.

3 OTHER ULTILITY WORKS

No updates.

4 HOAC

No update.

5 HGVS

At a meeting with the contractors about HGVs, they stated they want to have trackers fitted to most (if not all) hgvs within a few months. This would then enable them to track hgvs on the HS2 project to ensure they stick to the approved routes.

We now get monthly hgv forecasts.

6 SETTLEMENT DEEDS

HS2 have provided a draft FAQs document for us to look through. Very much a case of after the horse has bolted as people should already have responded to their letters by now (or very soon). We have asked for an extension.

7 MEETINGS

Meetings held in last month:

- Community Engagement (CE) meeting
- Review of our engagement problems with the independent commissioners
- Focus meeting on traffic movements (HGVs)
- Local review meeting

8 COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES

If you see something wrong or have a query, please do make a formal complaint. The more people contact them, the more strength we have to our arguments to protect the local area. Feel free to copy me in at ptaylor@altroy.co.uk.

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