

1 CET OPERATION

We met Mark Thurston (Chief Exec of HS2) and went through the issues we are having with the CET (Community Engagement Team). He seemed genuinely surprised about our problems and insisted major changes will happen. We are waiting to see what changes, and hopefully improvements, this results in.

2 MUD ON ROAD

The automated wheel washing plant at West Ruislip should have been installed this week. We will keep an eye on the High Road to see if it has cured the problem.

3 UTILITY WORKS

3.1 Power supply Rayners Lane to West Ruislip

Parts of the route will continue to be worked on with some major disruptions towards Eastcote. UKPN (doing the works) and HS2 seem to have disconnected with lots of communication issues.

3.2 Water supply for the TBM

HS2 have confirmed that the route for the new water supply will come from Breakspear Road South (BRS), and not from Ickenham High road. HS2 have repeated their statement that in times of water shortages then residents / households would take priority over HS2.

3.3 Other utility works

HS2 have reluctantly agreed to a meeting on the impact of utility works, but no date set yet.

4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

During a meeting with an Officer at LBH they discussed the planning applications (called section 17s) currently going through, or expected soon. They give an idea of the forthcoming scope of the project:

- HGV routes and quantities – subject to major disagreement between LBH and HS2; currently going up through the appeals process
- South Ruislip vent shaft (at the Arla / Asda site)
- Tunnel portal entrance at West Ruislip
- Thames Water diversions at West Ruislip
- Pinn overbridge – will eventually involve a diversion to the river Pinn, but LBH have sent that back for more work on flood alleviation. LBH have insisted that HS2 carry out a public consultation on this. I saw a first design – unsurprisingly there the usual large amounts of grey concrete visible.
- Internal Haul road – I assume where it crosses BRS and enters Harvil road
- Spoil dumping – between BRS and Harvil road
- Green Tunnel north of the Chiltern line
- Harvil Road realignment
- River Colne temporary bridge – due to be there for up to 15 months
- Colne Valley Viaduct – public consultations, including webinars, due to start towards the end of November

5 FOOTPATHS

I met one of the contractors on site to review the plans for the footpaths. They have a good understanding of the risks and problems involved. Their plans are a lot more sensible than HS2's original ones were. There is still a major issue in getting a footpath under the Chiltern line on Breakspear Road South. LBH are involved in this.

6 HOAC

The idea of moving to Denham Quarry has apparently gone away. LBH are currently waiting for more information on the long term range of the HS2 works before they can seriously look for another site.

7 TIMBER REUSE

Despite several false starts and failures in the past, this has resurfaced. Graeme Shaw has agreed to be one of the main contacts on this aspect.

8 SETTLEMENT DEEDS

The Settlement deeds issue is ongoing. Only 19 out of 200+ potential householders have registered, a very disappointing outcome. We have been promised another meeting to review them.

9 MEETINGS

Meetings held in last month:

- High level review with CEO (see above)
- Community Engagement (CE) meeting
- Review of status with LBH – agreed to make this a regular occurrence

10 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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p.s. I would like to note that despite what you might read on social media, we (the local team) have found LBH people to be very helpful and forthcoming in their dealings with us. They are very constrained by the act of Parliament in what they can do, but are working hard behind the scenes on our behalf.