

1 PROJECT RAMP UP

The expected increase of work is continuing, with the first abnormal load being delivered early one morning earlier this week.

2 LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

Local engagement has not improved in the last month. See below for meetings trying to address the situation.

3 WEST RUISLIP (WR)

Maintenance (grass cutting etc) of the golf course has been completed and the golf course is more usable.

But, HS2 expect to shut the entire course for remodelling for at least 2 years, possibly starting in 2021. They have agreed to a separate discussion on if it is possible to stage the works so that walkers still have somewhere to go, but I am not that confident.

3.1 Mud on road

There have been a number of instances of mud and stones on Ickenham High Road with at least 2 complaints made. I am still chasing for when their wheel washing plant will be installed, and will raise it as a priority for the next meeting. In the interim, apparently their road cleaning lorry is too noisy to use too often. I am chasing why manual wheel washing is not being carried out properly.

3.2 Rumours

There have been a number of local rumours at WR about HS2 plans for things like building a large office block (came from a worker on-site) through to taking over the care home. I am chasing these up. So far the care home one has been quashed.

4 ULTILITY SUPPLIES FOR THE TBM

4.1 Power supply Rayners Lane to West Ruislip

Parts of the route will continue to be worked on.

4.2 Water

HS2 have stated that the route for the new water supply is "most likely" to come from Breakspear road South, and not from Ickenham High road. To be confirmed.

5 OTHER UTILITY WORKS

Utility surveys are continuing in the area until the end of this year. We have asked for early sight of the results of the utility surveys in case they have major impact. HS2 have reluctantly agreed to this.

6 DENHAM DIVERSION / HIGH STREET

HS2 are still saying that as there was no written formal agreement not to use the high street they are entitled to do so. Certainly there have been hgvs using that route.

7 FOOTPATHS

HS2 will be diverting several footpaths at the western end of the golf course (near Breakspear Road South). The initial plans gave me cause for concern as they appear to show diverting one of the paths along BRS without any safety precautions (such as a temporary footpath). HS2 have said that is not the case. I have arranged to meet HS2 on site early next week to review the plans.

8 SETTLEMENT DEEDS

The Settlement deeds letters have been sent, but no map is available of the exact route (despite being promised) so it is not possible for people to find out how close their property will be. Unsurprisingly there were a number of errors in the letters sent out – mainly errors in addressing the correct occupants / owners of properties.

9 MEETINGS

Meetings held in last month:

- Traffic working group (which I did not attend)
- Community Engagement (CE) meeting

- A follow up meeting with the Director of Community Engagement (Julie King) is being planned.

10 MP MEETINGS

- One of my fellow campaigners had a 45 minute call with Boris Johnson to go through how CE is getting worse. They have been promised follow up action which is awaited.
- I (and others) have asked for a meeting with our MP (David Simmonds) but are still awaiting a response.

11 COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES

If you see something wrong or have a query, please do make a formal complaint. HS2 stated recently that complaints had been reducing; implying things have been getting better. So 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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