

1 CORONAVIRUS IMPACT

Needless to say, the decision to pause all main works didn't last very long. HS2 have started some works, mainly supplying aggregate to build an internal haul road going from West Ruislip to Harvil road. They are permitted 12 hgv movements a day.

Utility surveys will also be recommencing, specifically in Ickenham Road, Long Drive and Station Approach and the Greenway in Ickenham. There may be single line traffic for a while.

They expect to continue to ramp up activities as they are allowed to.

There have been a number of problems with HS2 workers not following social distancing guidelines when they are out in the community. I got a big long apology letter (probably written by their PR department), and then it happened again. HS2 have promised they are working hard with their contractors to ensure it doesn't happen again – we will see.

2 WEST RUISLIP

Part of the golf course has been closed to allow archaeological surveys. HS2 have said they expect to open it up again once the surveys are complete; however there are some very deep wheel marks across the course which may have safety implications. The rest of the course is due to stay open for the time being.

HS2 have noted that the archaeological teams are often considered to be co-habiting as the team travels round the country and stay together, so the distancing rules apply as if they were members of the same family living together.

3 ULTILITY SUPPLIES FOR THE TBM

3.1 Power supply Rayners Lane to West Ruislip

They are looking into doing some of the works that are though normally very busy roads (e.g. the White Bear roundabout) whilst there is the current major reduction in normal traffic. Whilst we don't want this work to happen at all, this is quite a sensible idea.

3.2 Water

The planning for the new water supply is apparently in the early stages and may not be done in time to coordinate with the works for the power supply. I have stated that we would be exceptionally disappointed if local roads (particularly Ickenham High Road) have to be dug up twice because HS2 cannot coordinate their works.

I have asked a number of questions about the water supply; including volume, length of time and more importantly the priority between HS2 and the Community in times of water shortage. Formal response awaited.

4 LORRY ROUTES

LBH have rejected HS2 application for their lorry quantities and routes on 2 grounds:

1. HS2 refused to submit a plan to minimise the impact during rush hour traffic
2. LBH have asked for a plan to demonstrate that the movement into and from worksites shall be managed suitably to maintain a free flow of traffic

HS2 are appealing this decision.

5 U81 FOOTPATH

The part of this footpath (U81, also part of the Hillingdon trail) from the Greenway under the Chiltern line and through the HS2 compound is due to close on the 25th May. The diversion is out from the Greenway to the main road and back in along Clacks Lane.

6 TIMBER USE

No response yet to the meeting held in March.

7 FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular meetings with HS2 are continuing via skype – the last session failed on me just as they started talking about water supplies!

In addition to the normal meetings, 2 other calls are planned:

A high level (hopefully) discussion on settlement deeds, an issue which has been going on for at least 5 years.

A call with Andrew Stephenson, the HS2 Minister, to discuss our grave concerns about HS2, their Community Engagement Team and the impact on our community.

8 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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