

1 CET OPERATION

We have had a high level meeting following up the one with Mark Thurston. Lots of good intentions, but yet to see substantive improvements in the CET (Community Engagement Team).

2 MUD ON ROAD

The automated wheel washing plant at West Ruislip has been installed some way away from the public highway access, meaning that washed vehicles have to travel along a muddy haul road before they reach the public road. Patently not working. Residents (including me on several occasions) have made a number of complaints with the usual responses of promises to do better. I raised the issue with officers at the council who have been supportive.

The council have sent a formal enforcement letter under the Town and Country Planning Act to HS2. HS2 have to sort the problem within 14 days. If not sorted after that LBH can issue a "Breach of Condition Enforcement Notice". If this is not complied with then it becomes a criminal offence, with potentially unlimited fines. I suspect HS2 will not want the publicity, although that may not be enough to get them to sort the problem.

3 ULTILITY 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. We have complained again about the disconnect between UKPN (doing the works) and HS2.

3.2 Other utility works

A meeting was held on the extent of the utility works. There are estimated to be 714 potentially affected utilities in Ruislip. Many will just be monitored but a number (currently estimated to be around 100) will require intervention. We will have more details on the extent and impact (road closures etc) in the spring.

4 FOOTPATHS

Planning application for footpath diversion (including a bridge over the Pinn) due soon.

5 HOAC

No update.

6 SETTLEMENT DEEDS

No update.

7 MEETINGS

HS2 have started some virtual drop in meetings and webinars. If these work they are expected to be extended next year.

Meetings held in last month:

- High level follow up review
- Community Engagement (CE) meeting
- Focus meeting on Utilities
- Review of status with LBH

8 PUBLICITY VIDEO

HS2 released a publicity video talking about the exciting work at the West Ruislip compound. It included a drone fly-over of the area. Whilst for the rest of the country it looks interesting, for local residents it just shows the extent of the destruction that has already taken place.

https://hs2inhilligdon.commonplace.is/news/2020/11/19/an-insight-into-the-works-at-west-ruislip-portal?utm_campaign=NewsPost&utm_content=An+insight+into+the+works+at+West+Ruislip+portal

9 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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