

Meeting Notes

HS2 Wells House Road Community Meeting

07 February 2023

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Is it possible to put another speedometer sign on Old Oak Common Lane by the bridges.	BBVS	BBVS will look into this and provide an update at the next meeting.
The improvements to the flow of traffic aren't working. The lights are meant to be reactive ones, but this isn't happening. The traffic is horrendous along Old Oak Common Lane and until the Atlas Road roundabout works are lifted, the flow of traffic is still going to be bad. Are the works and lights going to be finished at the end of February?	BBVS / SCSJV	BBVS are continuing to monitor the traffic conditions along Old Oak Common Lane. SCSJV works to the Atlas Road Roundabout are expected to complete at the end of February 2023.
Resident commented that after the lights have been reinstated after the Christmas break, the lights along Victoria Road have not been good and are only letting three vehicles through.	SCSJV	The metro lights need to be re-calibrated from time to time to upload new traffic data. The latest report from the bus depo said the traffic flow has never been better since the turn of the new year. We will continue to monitor this.
Traffic blocks the junction of Old Oak Common Lane and Wells House Road. Can a keep clear markings be installed?	BBVS / LBE	BBVS have requested for these markings and hope London Borough of Ealing can help. Ongoing discussions between Cllr Kate Crawford, Ealing and BBVS.
How long are the traffic lights going to be along Old Oak Common Lane.	BBVS	Due to the number of utility works and other works associated with building Old Oak Common Station, there will be a series of lane closures, road closures and temporary lights along Old Oak Common Lane.
Residents are still being affected by lighting from Old Oak Common Station site after 9pm and from a spotlight coming from the direction of the Flat Iron site.	BBVS / SCSJV	BBVS asked for photos showing the location of the lighting in order to look into further. SCSJV have looked into the spotlight before and have identified a stakeholder, Boden, who has a spotlight on their car park facing the direction in question. SCSJV to continue to liaise with

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		stakeholder to try to mitigate the lighting. If additional images of the disruptive lights could be provided we can investigate further and also provide the images to Boden.
How will the local community be engaged with about the designs of the Wells House Road stairs?	HS2 / BBVS	There will be a pre-consultation with Old Oak and Park Royal Planning Corporation (OPDC), various engagement events and activities with residents and the planning submission to OPDC. HS2/BBVS will aim to include information about finishes such as colours and handrails at the engagement events.
There are a lot of potholes and general safety issues along Old Oak Common Lane.	BBVS	BBVS monitor the conditions along the road and regularly liaise with London Borough of Ealing. These items have been raised with Ealing as the highway is Ealing's property and therefore repairs need to be undertaken by them. There have been some temporary repairs to the potholes and pavements, whilst a more permanent solution is discussed.
The potholes along Old Oak Common Lane are all caused by HS2 heavy goods vehicles.	HS2	Every lorry we bring into Old Oak Common Station sits within certain weight limits. However, we recognise that we are bringing in a lot of lorries and there is a Road Safety Fund available to highway authorities.
When undertaking the tunnelling works under Wells House Road, will there be laser surveying in place to monitor cracks?	SCSJV	There will be monitoring, and any existing cracks will be monitored with crack width monitoring. There will also be precondition surveys prior to the work commencing and a post condition survey.
For every other HS2 tunnel in the area, have strengthened utilities. Will this be the case for the utilities in Old Oak Common Lane?	HS2	We will be tunnelling under every utility in Old Oak Common Lane and therefore we are diverting the utilities via a section of site called the utility protection slab (UPS). To divert the utility, we will pick up the existing utility, renew it and move to the UPS and then move back, where applicable.
For the utility works nearest to Wells House Road, will it be necessary to close the entrance to Wells House Road?	BBVS	Most utility diversion works will be carried out on the Old Oak Common Station site. The new utility services will run parallel to Old Oak Common Lane and will be connected to the existing utilities at two locations. These new locations are between Kildun Court and the Nadi Centre and south of the Old Oak Common Lane railway bridges. Therefore, most of the

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		<p>works can take place without affecting the Wells House Road and Old Oak Common Lane junction, although there will be some traffic disruption at the points where the new utilities tie in and connect with the existing network.</p> <p>There are also local services, supplying Wells House Road, that cross the existing junction, and installing these new connections may affect traffic passing the junction. BBVS are currently reviewing the design and sequences to group the various activities together, to minimise disruption and we will try to avoid closing the entrance completely.</p>
Will all the utilities stay under the new alignment?	BBVS	Some of the utilities may want to stay in Old Oak Common Lane and some will remain to go through the undertrack crossing (UTX) tunnels.
Resident asked about the small claims form in relation to cracks in property and previously fitted noise doors and windows no longer fitting, resulting in draughts.	BBVS	HS2/BBVS have previously contacted resident with the small claims form via email and as a letter. BBVS will drop off another form to the resident in person.
Do the four groups who have applied for the Community and Environment Fund CEF, have any barriers that might stop them being accepted?	BBVS	The four applications that are currently being processed, attended a CEF event at Old Oak Common Station in December 2022. BBVS are happy to meet with community groups to understand their application and refer onto Groundworks who administer the funding process.
Cllr Kate Crawford requested a meeting to go through funding options and support available.	BBVS	BBVS to organise this with Cllr Kate Crawford.
From the diagram of site on the Station update slides, what is the white box on the left? Will this location have piling in the future?	BBVS	Piling will continue along the live railway towards the East of site. There will not be any future piling works to the left of the Conventional Station for HS2 works apart from Old Oak Common Lane bridges works next to the road.
There has been excessive noise from the SCSJV conveyor.	SCSVJ	SCSVJ are currently in the phase of testing and commissioning their section of the conveyor. These tests will advise the team of how to best operate the conveyor and reduce any disruption to the local community. Once this

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		phase is complete SCSJV will see what additional mitigations are required to further reduce disruption to the community.
Residents have heard loud noises from TITRA location at 1am.	SCSJV	<p>The Willesden Euroterminal site continues to operate as a 24/7 rail and logistics terminal for the duration of the construction of the HS2 London Tunnels in agreement with Network Rail and Ealing Council.</p> <p>The departure of trains will continue to align with the freight rail timetable, which means that train movements will continue to take place 24/7. We'll also continue moving rail wagons and loading the excavated materials 24/7. SCSJV are aware of noise from aspects of the works on site relating to noise coming from the loading and movement of wagons.</p> <p>SCSJV are taking the following actions to try and reduce the level of disruption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team will ensure that the rail greaser is operating correctly and will look to see if any additional greasers are required along the track. • The team will continue to have a maintenance team inspect the wagons to see if any adjustments can be made to reduce the noise being made. • The team are also in the process of erecting additional hoarding along the stretch of track which produces the most noise when the wagons are arriving and leaving site. Hopefully this will reflect some of the noise back to site and away from residential properties • The team are looking to purchase some new wagons on site.
Is HS2 holding onto the Wormwood Scrubs works area nearest to Wells House Road?	HS2	HS2 require a section of the Wormwood Scrubs site area for the future utility works and the lowering of Old Oak Common Lane. In Spring 2023, approximately 80% of the current work site will be reinstated and handed back to London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.
How long will HS2 keeping the triangle section of Wormwood Scrubs for?	HS2	HS2 will require the works site until the completion of the project.
What is heras fencing?	BBVS	Heras fencing is a type of metal fence that we are using as an interim measure to keep

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		passers-by and workers off the area of land that is being reinstated, to ensure maximum regrowth of the re-seeding.
When Old Oak Common Lane is closed for the demolition of the Wycombe Line Bridge, will there be alternative transport provided for Wells House Road residents?	BBVS	BBVS are looking to run a similar process as before, where residents can book taxis, to certain key locations. We will notify as soon as possible with more information.
Could a tailored taxi service be organised with a bench in place for vulnerable residents to wait.	BBVS	BBVS to look into this further and will provide an update at the next meeting.
Will the Atlas Road roundabout works be completed before Old Oak Common Lane is closed for the Wycombe Line bridge demolition works?	BBVS / SCSJV	BBVS link up various stakeholders, including SCSJV, when planning lane and road closures to assess the impact on the local road network. SCSJV currently expect the Atlas Road Roundabout works to complete by the end of February 2023 and therefore it should not clash with the demolition works.
Will the other lane closure on Old Oak Common Lane by the Nadi Centre still be in place when the Wycombe Line Bridge demolition works take place?	BBVS	The lane closure will be in place still as there are ongoing utility works in this location.
Will the footpath be open?	BBVS	We currently expect the footpath to be closed for part of the time, whilst we are demolishing the Wycombe Line Bridge. This is for health and safety reasons, but we will do our best to open the footpath, when possible to do so.
For the bridge removal, why can the bridge not be lifted out?	BBVS	We have looked into different methods, however we can't put a crane on the highway due to the utilities underneath and weight restrictions.
Please can you coordinate with TfL about the road closure for the Wycombe Line bridge demolishing work and ensure that there isn't a strike?	HS2 / BBVS	HS2 and BBVS liaise with TfL about our works and we will do our best to coordinate.
From the future Old Oak Common Lane bridges indicative images, the pavement looks a lot wider?	BBVS	BBVS will take these points away and provide more information.
Will the future western footway along Old Oak Common Lane be a cycle lane?	HS2/BBVS	The cycleway will be segregated, with bikes on the eastern footway and pedestrians on the western footway.

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Does the new design mean that pedestrians will need to cross over the road to access Old Oak Common Station?	HS2/BBVS	HS2/BBVS will present more specific details in a future presentation.
What are HS2 doing to make the bridges safer. Are we putting in lights and CCTV and is anything being done design wise for safety?	HS2	<p>Post meeting note: The lighting levels under the bridge have been designed to ensure pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle safety in all locations within the underpass at all times, in accordance with relevant standards/requirements.</p> <p>For functional lighting, two wall-mounted architectural lighting booms will run along the length of the underpass, to provide adequate lighting for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. This will be supported by lower level linear lighting recessed into the handrails alongside the footway and cycleway.</p> <p>CCTV monitoring cameras are not currently proposed. However, the local planning authority or local highway authority could decide to impose this requirement on any Schedule 17 planning approval or Schedule 4 highway approval, respectively.</p> <p>There is no requirement to provide any speed monitoring cameras.</p> <p>Pedestrians are elevated from the carriageway and protected via secure balustrades. Therefore, there is minimal risk to pedestrians regarding the speed of vehicles on the road.</p>
Will the Atlas Road Logistics tunnel, both take material out and be accessible to vehicles?	SCSJv	The conveyor will sit in the top part of the tunnel and a service vehicle will drive in and out of the box.
Will segments of the tunnel boring machine (TBM) be transported via Victoria Road?	SCSJv	The sections of the TBM will need to be transported on lorries, however the Atlas Road Logistics tunnel will help to reduce the amount of lorries on the road.
How long are you going to monitor the buildings by Wells House Road after the tunnelling works?	SCSJv	Monitoring will be maintained until it is agreed that settlement is no longer happening, and will be removed prior to the building being handed back.

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How many years will the settlement deeds apply to?	SCSJV	SCSJV are looking into this and will provide an update in the next meeting.
Can you comment on the reports in the news about HS2 not going to Euston?	HS2	The initial railway will run from Birmingham to Old Oak Common Station. The next stage will run from Birmingham to Euston.
If HS2 does end up stopping at Old Oak Common Station, what will be the impact to residents?	HS2	Old Oak Common is being built to facilitate six underground platforms in HS2 Station Box. Due to design constraints, the number of HS2 platforms cannot be extended.
Can future resident and Community Representative Group meetings be shared via a calendar invitation instead of an email.	HS2	HS2 and contractors will take this away.
Can these meetings be recorded to be accessible to those who work.	HS2	HS2 and contractors will take this away.
When will the works along Chase Road be completed?	SCSJV	SCSJV currently expect the road to be re-opened by 11 February 2023.
After the works along Chase Road complete, will the road be re-surfaced?	SCSJV	Chase road will not be re-surfaced.
How are future lorry movements going to the aggregate site impact air quality?	HS2	HS2 requested Councillor Crawford to write down a few points of context to be able to respond with the correct information.
Can you comment on the Financial times article that HS2 will not be complete until 2045?	HS2	Please refer comment to Department for Transport.
Will you confirm that the original opening of Old Oak Common Station in 2026 has been pushed back to 2029 -2033?	HS2	Please refer question to Department for Transport.
Are the construction target dates for the tunnelling works being affected?	SCSJV	The dates are indicative construction dates and they do slip sometimes. The dates presented in the slide pack are the current expected dates.
How will HS2 mitigate against a potential 12-year delay to Wells House Road residents?	HS2	Please refer question to Department for Transport.

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Has HS2 Project Client seen information about Project Silverlight or Blue Diamond?	HS2	Please refer question to Department for Transport.
Has anything changed in terms of the future of HS2 at Old Oak Common Station?	HS2	There is one plan, and nothing has changed in that plan. Please refer any future questions to Department for Transport.
Can these meetings be captured in detailed minutes and minutes shared with attendees?	BBVS	The meeting minutes and Q&As are captured. These will be shared with attendees along with the meeting slides and also uploaded onto the HS2 website.
HS2 are offering a 1-hour 4x4 safari around Old Oak Common Station site.	HS2 / BBVS	Residents to get in touch with BBVS if interested in visiting site.