

Meeting Minutes

HS2 & Community Representatives meeting

Meeting date	Wednesday 29 October 2025
Meeting location	Atlas Road site and on Microsoft Teams
Meeting time	6.30pm – 8pm

HS2 and contractors	Community Attendees	Local Authority
Ryan McKelvey, HS2		Kasam Abbas, LBE
Emma O'Malley, SCS		Ben Kennedy, LBHF
Chelsea Heathcote, SCS		
Solo Malemo, SCS		
Alison Love, SCS		
Wendy Franks, SCS		
Ian Killingbeck, TfL		
Zoe Griffin, BBVS		
Andeep Gehlot, BBVS		
Lucian Randall, BBVS		
Barry Roberts, Network Rail		

1 Introductions

Solo Malemo introduced himself before introducing Ryan McKelvey who would chair the meeting.

Ryan went through the housekeeping, including the importance of having respectful conversations and agenda slides. Ryan noted that the acoustics in the room were not ideal, so it's important for everyone to speak in turn so those online can hear the presentation.

Ryan reminded attendees that Mark Wild, HS2 CEO, is looking at a company-wide reset, looking to review cost and the sequence of the programme. The community will be updated on the impacts of this in early 2026, after it has been agreed with the Government. For Old Oak Common, everything is still being planned, however the timing for wider activities is being looked at, including the full road closure.

Action: BBVS to send out presentation and notes.

2 Minutes of the last meeting

There were no comments or questions from minutes or Q and As from the last meeting.

3 Upcoming community events and SCS stand down

Andeep Gehlot highlighted and encouraged attendance from the local community about the two upcoming events hosted by BBVS. The first one is on Wednesday 5 November about the Train Crew Building at Old Oak Common site, and the second event is an open community event with Rupa Huq, MP and Mark Wild CEO hosting, also at Old Oak Common site. She reminded people that invitations had been sent, and we look forward to welcoming people.

Solo Malemo provided an update on the recent safety stand down which required SCS to pause some of their site activities. Most of SCS' activities are now back in operation except for Green Park, with all other business as usual.

Some of the residents enquired about the timings of the conveyor removal, including the associated road closures on Victoria Road. The Victoria Road weekend road closure between Chandos Road and Midland Terrace that was initially planned within October 2025 to support the removal of sections of the conveyor system will no longer take place in 2025, as SCS will need to work with Network Rail to schedule alternative rail possession dates.

SCS will look to coordinate conveyor removal works and associated temporary Victoria Road closures where possible.

Traffic management / parking

SCS

Due to the safety stand down, SCS currently have no planned traffic works in the area.

BBVS

Lucian Randall introduced himself.

Lucian explained about the upcoming road closures and the two road realignments on Old Oak Common Lane. The southern realignment opened on Monday 27 October. There have been some traffic teething problems, but overall, the operation is running smoothly. The northern realignment is due to open early in 2026.

There are several upcoming weekend road closures on Old Oak Common Lane:

- Saturday 1 November and Sunday 2 November (8am-5pm northbound)
- Friday 28 November, Saturday 29 November and Sunday 30 November (overnight only)

There will be two additional weekend road closures to help connect the road for the northern realignment. We'll let the community know when this will be as soon as possible.

We will be hosting a drop-in about the northern realignment at Old Oak Common Station site and details will be shared nearer the time.

Lucian then explained other works, specifically the four-way lights which started at the beginning of week which are in place until mid-December. These works are for utility connections.

There was a discussion about the frustration around the operation of logistics of this which Lucian explained are under review.

There was also a discussion that people have been cycling on the pavement on the southern section of the realignment Old Oak Common Lane.

Residents also requested for the southbound bus stop for the 228 bus to be reinstated on the southern section. TfL will take it away to review.

Residents requested signage to know where or how to complain about traffic in the area.

4 SCS tunnel and site update

Site progress photos

Solo went through the photos which covered inside Victoria Road Crossover Box, and the TBM which is currently being constructed at the Old Oak Common Station East Box site at Station Site and the removal of conveyor system at Flat Iron Site.

Spoil continues to be transported from the Willesden Euroterminal (WET) site, although the amount is less as the Northolt Tunnel West TBM has concluded, and Northolt Tunnel East TBM has been completed too.

Works planned at SCSJV

Solo presented the slide which gave an overview of ongoing site activities across all areas, including Willesden Euroterminal (WET) site, Atlas Road Logistics tunnel, Flat Iron and Victoria Road Crossover Box.

Emma O'Malley then gave an update on tunnelling works. The secondary phase will be taking place in June 2026, and we'll provide information including around mitigation nearer to the time.

There was a brief discussion around small claims and its process, in particular reminding residents that tunnelling works had stopped recently due to the SCS safety stand down.

5 BBVS update – Central line piling works

Lucian went through recent Central line piling works which took place in recent weeks overnight, we were pleased to inform there were no complaints. The second phase of piling works is due to begin mid-November.

6 Network Rail update

Barry Roberts introduced himself.

Barry went over the forward look plan up until December which includes the installation of new overhead line structures and electrification wires, new track, and new signalling /electrical equipment.

The update then focused on some upcoming piling works. To date tens of piled foundations for Overhead Line Equipment have been installed. The most disruptive type of piling work is usually planned to take place after 7am, however there are three constrained locations close to active railways that, regrettably, must be undertaken at night-time.

These piling works are scheduled to take place on Sunday 16 November, Sunday 30 November and Sunday 7 December (01:00-05:00 in all cases). There is a contingency date for Sunday 14 December. This work is approximately 700 metres from Oaklands Rise and one kilometre from Wells House Road and Midlands Terrace. We shouldn't be exceeding any noise and vibration thresholds, and will be applying all reasonably practicable mitigation measures.

There were then some concerns over the need for overnight work and the noise insulation offer.

Network Rail then informed residents that there will be work over the Christmas Period from the last service on Christmas Eve until Saturday 27 December.

The following two slides covered how the community are able to contact Network Rail and also a QR code where residents can receive digital notifications.

Nadi Centre update

OPDC sent their apologies for their absence. OPDC have refused the Nadi Centre extension application. If you have any questions, please contact us and we can pass these on.

8 Questions and AOB

AOB

There were questions from the community which had been emailed to the team regarding what they would like on the agenda. Due to the time of receiving the email, only a few points which were listed could be addressed in this section of the meeting.

- Graffiti at Old Oak Common Station: If graffiti occurs on the new hoarding, a plan could be put in place to either clean or replace the hoarding, depending on the extent of the damage. The likelihood is that this would need to be agreed with HS2 and require a road closure. We will update you on the permanent graffiti arrangements when details are available.
- Flooding on Victoria Road under Dudding Bridge: Thames Water undertook a survey and cleaning of Victoria Road sewer, in the vicinity of the bridge underpass, in the summer of 2025. They managed to remove a significant amount of debris, which will only help flows in the sewer. On a monthly basis, HS2 (SCS) clean out the gulleys and the bridge underpass to help ensure the surface water can make its way from the road

to the gullies and the sewer. HS2 has also funded LBE to undertake a flood feasibility study to investigate the cause of the flooding beneath the railway bridge and produce a feasibility design followed by a detailed design to prevent flooding in the future. We are awaiting the outcome of that study.

Some residents were also asking if the Elizabeth line would operate more frequently than Acton Main Line.

There was a discussion over the boundary wall behind properties on Wells House Road, which was part of a collection of questions raised before the resident meeting and responded to directly.

A point was raised about the possibility of there being a working group with HS2, local authorities, TfL and other third parties.

Ryan thanked everyone for attending and presenting and brought the meeting to a close.

Meeting ended: 8.04pm