

Meeting Minutes

HS2 & Wells House Road resident's meeting

Meeting date	Wednesday 7 May 2025
Meeting location	Old Oak House and On Teams
Meeting time	6.30 – 8pm

HS2 and contractors	Local Authority
Peter Gow, HS2	Tom Szydlowski, LBE
Jonty Bletcher, HS2	Surinderpal Suri, LBE
Paul Allen, HS2	
Terry Stafford, HS2	
Scott Wilson, BBVS	
Zoe Griffin, BBVS	
Lucian Randall, BBVS	
Andeep Gehlot, BBVS	
Wendy Franks, SCS	
Sihaam Ahmed, SCS	
Filipe Mello, SCS	
Dave Terry, SCS	
Solo Malemo, SCS	
Emma O'Malley, SCS	
Iain Killingbeck, TfL	
Myall Hornsby, Network Rail	
Barry Roberts, Network Rail	
Rupert Walker, Network Rail	

14 residents attended

1 Introductions

Peter Gow introduced himself as the chair for the meeting.

Peter went through the housekeeping and agenda slides, noting that the format will be similar to the last meeting, in that the focus will be on the questions raised by the community.

Action: BBVS to send out presentation and notes.

2 BBVS Update

HS2 update & Old Oak Common Lane

Peter explained that Mark Wild, HS2 CEO, is looking at a company wide reset. This may take up to a year, but it will then need to be 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.

Works which are planned for Old Oak Common station for the next year will continue, however works due beyond that will be incorporated into the wider plan. The start date for the Old Oak Common Lane closure cannot be confirmed until the reset has concluded. Planning around these works will continue.

Questions and answers have been captured in the Q&A document.

Wells House Road steps

Scott Wilson introduced himself.

After engaging with Ealing Council regarding neighbouring structures we are now carrying out detailed investigations with a view to bring forward our proposals for reinstatement later this year

Investigation work in gardens next to the stairs will be starting soon, which is vital to understand the design needed. Later in the year designs will be shared with the community, and we will provide a further updates at the next meeting.

Questions and answers have been captured in the Q&A document.

Noise

Zoe Griffins introduced herself.

Over the Easter bank holiday weekend, we received a few complaints regarding noise. These were looked into – some of this was due to the tunnelling, some were from Network Rail, and some from BBVS. We acknowledge the noise from our site was audible. We made sure we didn't start breaking out works until 9am on the following bank holiday weekend and had asked the team not to break concrete on the Sunday.

Notifications for these works had been sent out to the communities on Saturday 5 April, and the works were mentioned at the last Wells House Road resident's meeting on 26 March.

Discussions were held between the community and staff regarding general works on weekends. The community were upset with the noisy works over the bank holidays and the teams are doing what is practically possible to mitigate the disturbance. Questions and answers have been captured in the Q&A document.

Dust

Jonty Bletcher introduced himself.

Referring to slide seven, Jonty explained that the monitors are highlighted in yellow.

The way that it's measured is that a trigger would be the equivalent to four-grains of sand per hour, in a one-meter squared area. The red lines in show on the graphs on slide seven are the trigger points. This shows that the mitigation we have on site (e.g.: spraying water in work areas) is working.

There was a discussion regarding the location of monitors. Questions and answers have been captured in the Q&A document.

SCS tunnelling team

Filipe Mello, Dave Terry and Wendy Franks introduced themselves.

The team took the community through phase 2 of tunnelling. This will continue until September 2025, before phase 3 begins around June 2026. Residents will be receiving a tunnelling update soon.

The sprayed concrete lining (SCL) works take place during daytime hours, and the noise some residents are able to hear is from the underground concrete breaking. SCS welcome residents to contact them via Helpdesk if they want noise monitoring to take place at their property.

There was discussion regarding the number of notifications the community receive. Questions and answers have been captured in the Q&A document.

BBVS update

Zoe presented upcoming works at the Old Oak Common site.

These are the utility diversion works which are taking place within the site by the entrance. Notification of these works were delivered on Saturday 5 April.

Traffic update

Zoe presented current and upcoming traffic management on Old Oak Common Lane.

There are still substation upgrade works taking place, which are due to finish at the beginning of June near to Kildun Court. From June until July there will be some works by Cadent Gas just south of site, past the bridges.

The community asked a few questions regarding the potholes and idling cars by the traffic lights. These have been captured in the Q&A document.

Forward look of traffic plan

The Old Oak Common traffic plan was shared with the attendees and is available on the HS2 website: <https://www.hs2.org.uk/work-items/hs2-traffic-information-old-oak-common-lane-and-north-acton-area/>

Network rail

Barry Roberts and Myall Hornsby introduced themselves.

They talked through the works which took place over the Easter weekend, and works due over the late May Bank Holiday. No works will take place on Bank Holiday Monday.

Community Investment

Zoe briefly explained the activities that took place in March and April at Old Oak Common with local schools.

There is a slide covering the HS2 funds which is a snapshot of the awards that have been granted money.

AOB

There was a discussion around having a directory for the residents to make it clear which contractor is covering which piece of works. This will make it easier for the residents to identify who to ask for/contact when required. Discussions also covered vegetation and suggestions for natural dust suppression. These have been captured in the Q&A document.

6 Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 July.

7 Meeting close

Meeting ended: 19.58pm