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Dear Neighbour

### Update on HS2 works on Wormwood Scrubs

I am writing to update you, as promised, on the latest developments with HS2's works on Wormwood Scrubs, including the proposal for access to its site via Old Oak Common Lane. You may recall that these works are to allow the diversion of essential utilities and a major sewer around the new HS2 Old Oak Common station.

The main developments are as follows:

- On 15 January a planning application was submitted to the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) to enable such access. We hope this can be agreed by the end of February. Approval would give HS2 the opportunity to access the areas allowed by the Government's HS2 Act. It would use a route that would minimise the impact on the precious ecology of the Scrubs and on the lives of local residents. You can find the application by searching **21/00021/FULOPDC** at <http://planningregister.opdc.london.gov.uk/> and comment at [planningapplications@opdc.london.gov.uk](mailto:planningapplications@opdc.london.gov.uk) by 11 February.
- HS2 has begun to mark out the boundaries of the compound it intends to build in the north west corner of the Scrubs. We have been monitoring this process closely to ensure the area is strictly within the borders permitted by the Act. We will apply similar scrutiny to ensure HS2 adheres to the agreed routing of vehicles on the Scrubs.
- Pending agreement to the planning application, HS2 will meanwhile access the site using lighter vehicles only via the existing gate off Braybrook Street. This is due to start from 8 February and is within the terms of the Act.
- We have been informed that Hitachi Rail is conducting tree works on its site, where branches from the Scrubs overhang its land adjacent to but not on the Scrubs. This work will begin on 25 January and last one week.
- HS2 has also advised that it will be conducting surveys on 26/27 January from Braybrook Street. Its surveyors will use a tripod which operates silently and should not cause any disruption. This is one of many locations being surveyed along the HS2 route. Latest news on '**surveys between Euston and Hillingdon from 25 Jan to 7 Feb**' can be found at <https://hs2inoldoak.commonplace.is/news>

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**I would also like to invite you to an online public meeting with our team on Monday 1 February at 6pm.** This will be an opportunity to hear more details about the planning application referred to above. Please go to the Wormwood Scrubs section of our website at **[www.lbhf.gov.uk](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk)** for further information on this meeting, more details on the HS2 project, including maps, as well as our masterplan for amenity and ecological renewal in the long term. Please email **[bev.blackman-shaw@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:bev.blackman-shaw@lbhf.gov.uk)** to register to attend this meeting.

If you have any queries on this matter, please do get in touch with our team at **[highways\\_general@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:highways_general@lbhf.gov.uk)**

Remember to keep in touch with all the news at H&F with our weekly newsletter. Please sign up for this at **[www.lbhf.gov.uk/enews](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/enews)**

Meanwhile I hope you and your family stay safe during the Covid pandemic.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sue Fennimore', written in a cursive style.

**Cllr Sue Fennimore**

Deputy Leader of Hammersmith & Fulham Council

## Update on HS2 works on Wormwood Scrubs

### FURTHER INFORMATION



#### Access to Wormwood Scrubs for HS2 enabling works - planning application

Hammersmith & Fulham Council opposed plans put forward by HS2 Limited to undertake construction works between Braybrook Street and the railway line as allowed under the HS2 Act, which would pass through a sensitive area of the Scrubs that we know residents treasure and that contains critical biodiversity.

Parliament passed legislation that requires works to proceed to divert a sewer and utility lines. It is the council's view that the option of using Old Oak Common Lane to access these works would entail far less disruption to both local residents and the ecology of the Scrubs.

Following discussion with Hammersmith & Fulham Council, HS2 Limited has agreed to consider the option of using Old Oak Common Lane instead of Braybrook Street to access its works. The proposal for this alternative route from Old Oak Common Lane has been subject to pre-application engagement with OPDC by Hammersmith & Fulham Council and HS2.

#### The planning application for the alternative access road

A full planning application for the development of an alternative access road at Wormwood Scrubs from Old Oak Common Lane to be utilised by HS2 was submitted to the OPDC on 15 January 2021. The application seeks permission for the following development:

**Temporary planning permission for 18 months for the construction of a temporary construction access road to the Stamford Brook Sewer satellite compound from Old Oak Common Lane; and temporary ancillary development to include the creation of earthworks, erection of fencing, creation of a drainage swale and the laying of subsurface drainage pipes.**

The planning application and full details of the proposal, alongside other supporting application documents, which assess the impact of the development sought under this are available to view on the **OPDC website**.

The planning application will be determined by the OPDC and, in assessing the application, a 21-day public consultation period will provide an opportunity for anyone interested to review the proposals and comment. Anyone can comment on the application. To ensure any comments you wish to make are taken into consideration please submit them to the OPDC via its website by 11 February 2021.

**You can view and comment on the application here or search for the application using reference number 21/0001/FULOPDC at <http://planningregister.opdc.london.gov.uk/>**

All comments received by the OPDC will be considered in their assessment of the proposals. OPDC officers are intending to present their report to the OPDC Planning Committee for a decision on Tues 23 February.

#### Community Q&A virtual meeting – 6-8pm Monday 1 Feb

As part of the consultation process, the council is inviting residents and community members to a virtual public meeting. This is an opportunity for you to find out more about the planning application for the access route across Wormwood Scrubs from Old Oak Common Lane and to have answers to any questions relating to the proposals set out in the application.

#### How to register to attend the online meeting

If you are interested in attending this online session then please let us know by registering at **[bev.blackman-shaw@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:bev.blackman-shaw@lbhf.gov.uk)** by **Thursday 28 January 2021**. Officers from H&F and OPDC will be in attendance to answer your questions. It would be helpful if you could share your questions or queries in advance of the meeting if possible.

We will be running this event via Microsoft Teams, which is a free to use online platform. If you have the Microsoft Teams app installed on your desktop or mobile device, the session will open automatically within that.

Further joining instructions will be sent to all registered attendees closer to the time.