

**Westwood Heath Residents Association  
Meeting Held 30/9/2020 via Zoom**

Due to the ongoing COVID situation it was decided to hold a meeting via Zoom to assess the suitability of the format. 24 people attended.

Ian Stevenson (IS) have a presentation update covering the following items and the slides are available separately:-

- Residents Association Status
- HS2
- HS2 Cromwell Lane
- HS2 Traffic Volume and Speed
- HS2 Route Elevation and A46 Crossing
- HS2 Community Funds
- Developments
- History Group
- COVID-19 Resources
- Roadworks
- AOB and Discussion

In summary,

The RA meeting scheduled for 10th March was cancelled and the AGM in June postponed and although it was hoped that face to face meetings would have resumed, it is clear this will not happen until next year. This meeting was a pilot to try out the platform with a view to holding an AGM and meeting with guest speakers.

HS2 comprehensively covered in the slides. There is a rumour re changes in the elevation due to the water table and we await more details on this.

The A46 Link Road consultation did not happen and David Skinner continues to press for updates.

Development beyond the area - King's Hill is not yet signed off. Locally nothing happening on Westwood Heath Road but revised plans for Cromwell Lane have been submitted.

COVID Update- there is a high rate around the University with cases spreading out more locally. There is a link on the website for useful resources.

AOB/Questions

HS2 Community Funds -

Fibre Broadband is falling short of where it should be locally - IS advised this is a specific exclusion for the funding.

Other suggestions - planting bulbs along WHR, welcome to Westwood Heath sign(s), an RA notice board, a Community Orchard.

The History Group is uncovering a wealth of local information and a professional website would be welcome.

Fibre Broadband is being rolled out at the 'upper' end of Westwood Heath.

Vaughan Owen mentioned that issues with Canley Brook and the water table had been highlighted to HS2 previously but ignored despite assurances and commitments.

He also advised that he had a few issues on his land following recent work by Western Power which was resolved and made good speedily.

Vaughan also suggested that the Council should provide a Notice Board if asked and this will be looked at.

He also asked if anyone was noticing an increase in noise from the University at the moment, IS hadn't.

George Francis expressed concerns over noise and pollution levels on Westwood Heath Road which he has noticed since March and prevented him from being able to sleep in the front bedroom. This may well be due to HS2 traffic and if details of specific vehicles are available they can be passed to HS2 who will act. IS has been looking at this and following up and is certainly something to be looked at with future developments. George mentioned there was evidence of the pollution on his garden furniture and we will put him in touch with Prof. Ziarati.

The condition of Westwood Heath Road was highlighted but we are told there are no plans to resurface it. However, there is a commitment, when work is finished, that HS2 will undertake any repairs and this has been noted.

Future meetings with Zoom will include the AGM, the University and HS2.

Meeting closed 8.25 pm.