

Notes on HS2 Meeting Westbury Village Hall Tuesday 18th Feb 2020.

Present: Lafarge Kier Liaison Team, representatives from Fringford, Finmere, Westbury, Tingewick, Mixbury and Westbury.

Following the Government Agreement we were updated on the programme for 2020/21.

Ecology. The landscape architect gave an oversight as to what the reinstatement plans would be which were designed to represent the existing landscape in the immediate vicinity of the track. They would be including green bridges etc. Where the HS2 owned the adjacent land to the track they would be setting up permanent pond areas to manage the water off flow from the track.

Noise. When fully operational trains will run between the hours of 5am and 11pm at the rate of one every 100 Seconds. Where receptors, ie residents were within the immediate vicinity of the track sound proofing barriers are to be put in place and if necessary the residents would be supplied with additional double glazing. Trains have been designed in such a way as to minimize the noise made.

Construction. The installation of the access points will take place in 2020. In the area there will be 3.

1. At the A421 just west of Finmere at Warren Farm
2. At the A422 just west of Wesbury
3. At the A43 north of Brackley by the Radstone Turn

Most of the traffic will access these site from the A43 with only a small flow up the A4421 from Bicester.

The Local Traffic plan has been submitted which anticipates around a 1000 lorry movements a day are on the A43 between the hours of 8am an 5pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. Passenger traffic will be encouraged NOT to use village routes

There will also be a Borrow pit at Finmere for 2m tonnes of material which will be used to provide for the haul road which is being built along side the track as a supply route.

The next meeting is scheduled for next month.

David McCullagh

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