

The Greenway Sewer Diversion – Statement of Community Involvement

May 2021

Thames Water have developed a Consultation Strategy for the Greenway sewer upgrade. The Consultation Strategy sets out Thames Water's approach and indicative timetable for consulting all those with an interest in the construction work. This includes the local community, key stakeholders and statutory consultees.

The strategy has been designed to enable a discussion with customers and stakeholders throughout the following four phases of the proposed sewer upgrade:

- 1) Pre-submission of the planning application
- 2) Submission of the planning application
- 3) Post-submission of the planning application
- 4) Construction of the sewer upgrade

1) Pre-submission of the planning application

A timeline of engagement and feedback pre submission of the planning application is set out below:

Number	Activity	Date	Discussion
1	Residents meeting	17 December 2020	<p>The meeting was to give an overview of our work and why it is required.</p> <p>Residents were concerned about the temporary loss of the allotments and sought an understanding of why other options were not viable.</p>
2	Site meeting with the allotment secretary	1 February 2021	Discussed the community assets and what part of the allotments would not be used.
3	Community Update Briefing – virtual (see examples of slides presented in Appendix A).	4 March 2021	<p>We talked through all options and sewer diversion routes – including proposals submitted by members of the public.</p> <p>The draft scheme was communicated to residents and plans as to what the haul road would look like were shared.</p> <p>We confirmed to the residents of The Green that a one to one meeting will be offered once the planning application had been submitted.</p> <p>A notification to the wider area will be sent. It will provide information on the application and details on how to comment.</p> <p>Residents were content with our rationale. We also explained we would minimise our land take on the allotments.</p>
4	Meeting with London Borough of Hillingdon	9 April 2021	<p>To discuss the diversion options.</p> <p>Agreed plan to move forward and joint working.</p>
5	Online meeting with local residents and allotment holders	13 May 2021	<p>A meeting was held online and 693 residents were invited as well as the allotment holders.</p> <p>The meeting gave an update and an introduction to the contractors Barhale, who are carrying out</p>

			the construction work. Other topics discussed included vehicle movements/routes; flood risk; the positioning of the access route, the extent of the allotment area required for construction, and an update on the planning application.
6	Meetings with allotment holders - virtual	Ongoing	Ongoing discussions with allotment holders to discuss programme, impacts and allotment reinstatement.
7	Question and answer document for stakeholders	Ongoing	A Q&A document has been created and is regularly updated and sent out to the community.
8	One to one meeting with each allotment holder	Upcoming	-
9	One to one meeting with residents of The Green	Upcoming	-

Engagement with the local community will evolve ahead of construction and throughout the construction period. This will include:

- Notification to the wider area, notifying them of the submission and how to view / comment on the plans;
- One to one meeting with residents of The Green;
- Engagement events with the local community and allotment holders;
- Further engagement with the local community as appropriate throughout the construction period.

2) Submission of the planning application

The Town and Country Planning Regulations set minimum standards for consultation following submission of planning application.

The London Borough of Hillingdon will publicise receipt of the planning application by local newspaper advertisement, displaying site notices and notifying adjoining owners and occupiers. The planning application will be summarised in the Council's 'Weekly List', which is circulated to subscribers, and is also published on the Council's website.

The planning application and the planning application files will also be available for inspection at the London Borough of Hillingdon's offices.

Thames Water will also provide a weblink from the HS2 community webpage <https://hs2inhillington.commonplace.is/> to the London Borough of Hillingdon planning documents.

3) Post-submission of the planning application

Stakeholders and members of the public will be able to make representations to the London Borough of Hillingdon during a statutory period of public consultation.

Where the London Borough of Hillingdon or other parties raises queries or requests for clarification or additional information on the Sewer upgrade proposals, Thames Water will provide responses to the London Borough of Hillingdon where necessary on representations, objections, and queries received during the public consultation process to assist the London Borough of Hillingdon in its determination of the application.

Thames Water will attend regular meetings with the London Borough of Hillingdon officers as part of their consideration of the planning application.

Throughout the determination period, Thames Water will also provide the community with information and updates on the planning application through further public briefings and emailed updates.

4) Construction of the Upgrade

Subject to planning permission being granted for the Sewer upgrade, Thames Water will continue to liaise with the London Borough of Hillingdon, stakeholders and the local community through the construction of the approved development.

Before construction starts, on site letters will be sent out two weeks before work takes place, with regular updates provided throughout the construction period.

Thames Water acknowledges that construction requires close liaison with specific individuals or groups immediately affected. Therefore, a specific named individual will be identifiable to the local community, to act as the primary point of contact for any concerns during the construction period. They will either be located on site or contactable by mobile phone at all times when construction work is being undertaken.

Furthermore, in order to ensure that stakeholders and affected communities are regularly informed of the Upgrade's progress, there will be regular updates posted to the community. Project information will be available and updated on HS2 Commonplace.

In addition to keeping individual organisations and residents informed about the project's progress, every effort will be made to inform members of the wider community about possible disruption.

Following completion of the Sewer upgrade, Thames Water will continue to explore the opportunities that exist to further develop and maintain positive relations with the local community and stakeholders. This includes improvements to the footpath, improving the allotments current water supply, replacement of the community shed and installation of new sheds and fences affected by our work.

Appendix A

Slides presented at community update briefing on 4 March 2021.

Planning Application



- To access the allotments, we will need to put in a temporary haul road for the duration of our work. We will carry out a full reinstatement of the area
- We have submitted a pre-application to London Borough of Hillingdon. We are in the process of discussing our plans with them
- We will then submit a full planning application and carry out community engagement
- London Borough of Hillingdon will then make a decision on whether to grant planning permission

Site Entrance

- The proposed haul road is shown indicatively in red
- Public footpath not shown but we are working to retain this next to the haul road
- Raised flower beds and affected street furniture will be replaced when we leave the site



The Green

- The proposed haul road and compound area shown indicatively in red. This area could be used for site cabins and welfare facilities
- The size and location of compound will be confirmed once our contractor is appointed
- Compound boundary will be wooden hoarding approx. 2m high

