

GREEN LEAF

HAREFIELD



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The Campaign Against HS2's Destruction of Harefield Continues. With your help we can get HS2 stopped.

The government has recently announced a so-called independent review of HS2.

As Joe Rukin, Campaign Manger of Stop HS2 said
"If this is to be a genuine review as to whether to go ahead or not with the project, the government must cease all works immediately, because damage to irreplaceable habitats and ancient woodland is happening as we speak. This destruction must stop now, not in a couple of weeks, not in a couple of months, nor at Christmas, now".

Will you please write immediately to our MP, asking him to demand an immediate stop to all evictions and land grab and an immediate stop to all work apart from genuine, non invasive surveys? Please feel free to include details of your experiences. The contact details are:

Rt Hon. Nick Hurd MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA email nick.hurd.mp@parliament.uk
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How HS2 threatens our Drinking Water supplies



The Colne Valley is more than the surface rivers and lakes. Under the ground the water also makes pathways through the rocks. The valley includes the valley sides, where rainfall is filtered and funnelled down by plants, gravels and crumbly rocks, till it is sucked into the chalk. We tap into it to supply mains water. Much of the land around Harefield is in drinking water source protection zones, where polluting the ground is illegal. Water stored deep in the chalk may have fallen as rain long before modern pollution existed.

HS2 plans cut through the inner source protection zones for 3 pumping stations operated by Affinity Water Ltd for our tap water supply. One of the sources, Ickenham pumping station at Breakspear Road, is already polluted and out of action. The pollution was traced to New Years Green. After decades of landfill, this is a Special Site of Contamination. HS2 have undertaken mass tree felling and intend to dig through the New Years Green area to make the Copthall Cutting.

The other two sources, at Moorhall Road and the North Orbital Road, where our clean water is currently abstracted are under threat from pile driving of hundreds of piles into the fragile chalk aquifer for the HS2 Colne Valley Viaduct.

If you are concerned, as we are, for the future of our drinking water contact your MP and Affinity Water Ltd and ask why Affinity Water Ltd has an unlimited financial indemnity from the Department of Transport, for losses that may be caused by HS2 activities damaging the water bearing aquifer on which we all depend.

Sarah Green and Lora Hughes not guilty of Aggravated Trespass by obstructing 'Lawful activity' of HS2

On 19th July 2019 District Judge Deborah Wright dismissed the case against Sarah and Lora, This was despite a three month adjournment for the Crown Prosecution Service to gather extra evidence. The CPS could not show beyond reasonable doubt that the defendants were on land in possession of HS2.



The defence in this case was that HS2 were acting unlawfully and that is what necessitated direct action – the HS2 have not taken sufficient measures to safeguard a major aquifer, nor measures to prevent unnecessary harm to the flora and fauna of the Colne Valley. Early in the proceedings the District Judge stated that the defence documentation showed that the aquifer was under potential threat which could not be 100% mitigated for. This was accepted by the prosecution.

Serious Fraud Office wants details on HS2 compensation practices as possession orders escalate.

Have you received an unreasonable offer for compensation for your losses following suture of land and/or property? After taking possession have HS2 reduced their offer? Many property owners have only relinquished property when threatened with the prospect of being evicted by bailiffs, which they have been advised they would end up having to pay for. If you have been affected by this sort of bad practice or know anyone else affected please read the article on www.stophs2.org website giving extensive information and link to the Serious Fraud Office site to send in your information. (Reminder if you do not have internet access you can always use the computers at the public library).

WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED?

Please tick the relevant boxes and return this slip with your name and contact details or email nikisamuel@tiscali.co.uk

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