

HS2 TUNNELLING GREEN NEWS



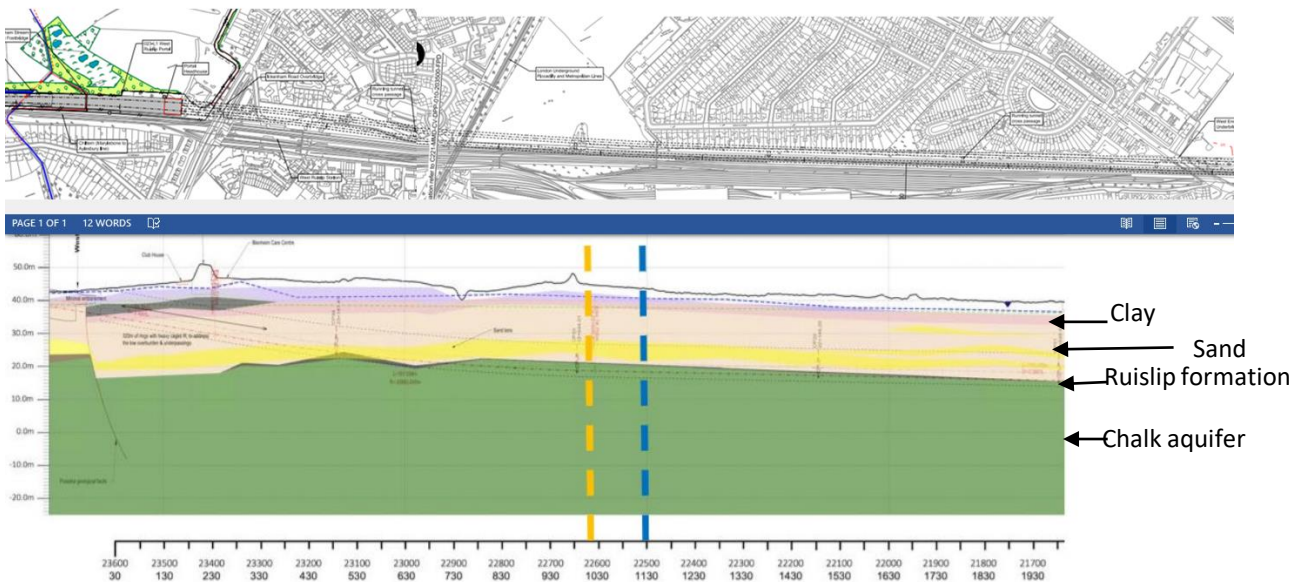
Ongoing tunnel trouble

HS2 tunnelling incidents in Ruislip include: 18 March - Foam incident at bore hole, 20 April - Air bubbling at surface, 24 April - Grout escape incident.

Troubles started when the bottom of the tunnel entered the chalk aquifer which is saturated with groundwater. Also being disturbed above the chalk, is a layer of black clay made of previously unknown material that HS2 are calling the Ruislip formation.



Ruislip tunnel Foam incident



In March Zack Polanski, Green Party London Assembly Member, asked the Mayor of London whether he was concerned by the pollution that was seen when foam escaped from HS2 works in Ruislip through a pre-existing bore hole and whether he was satisfied that all TfL bore holes were mapped and sealed? Presumably the Mayor is awaiting a response from HS2.

If you would like Zack to take up your concerns about the effect of this tunnelling work on your home or garden please write to Zack. zack.polanski@london.gov.uk

SARAH AND HILLINGDON GREEN PARTY PROTECTING RESIDENTS FROM HS2 DESTRUCTION

Hillingdon tap water

In Hillingdon our tap water comes from the chalk aquifer under the north of the borough. This is being damaged. So the Green Party are calling for a halt to the works and for water quality data to be published and analysed before a restart.

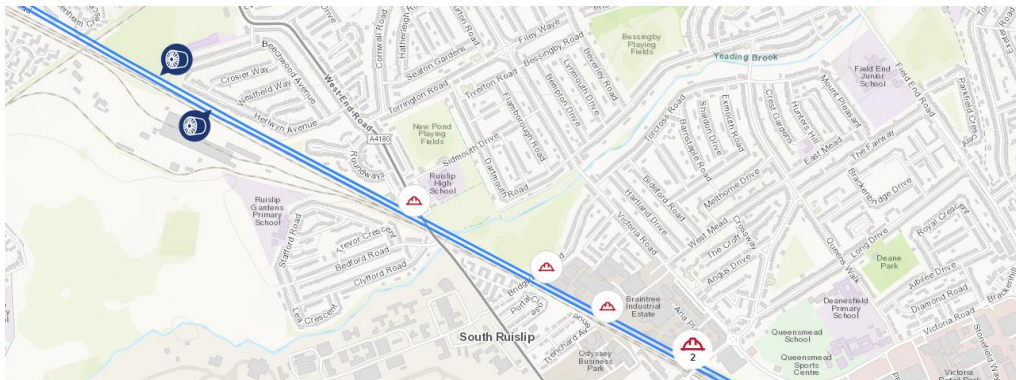
The Green Party has stated that we want England's water supply taken back into public ownership "at the earliest practicable opportunity".



Letter to Boris Johnson MP about threats to water quality

Sarah wrote an open letter to Boris Johnson on 4 April about ongoing impacts to local water supply and quality from HS2 works. These include chromium 6 production in HS2 activities using cement.

As at 1st May, No reply has been received. The letter is available in full at Hillingdon Green Party website <https://hillingdon.greenparty.org.uk/hs2/> If and when a reply is received the reply will also be posted on this website.



This map was issued by HS2 on 2nd May showing current position of tunnel boring machines and the route. One machine is working 24 hrs a day now. The other one is due to start up again on 12th May and go under gardens in Herlwyn Avenue.

For updates and details of other Hillingdon Green Party work to oppose HS2 destruction go to <https://hillingdon.greenparty.org.uk/hs2/>



Sarah and the Green team are ready to help if you have any local issues you'd like to raise with us

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