

Report from SMZ meeting

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I was tasked to raise Water Orton matters. SMZ RM are very supportive of our plight. Air quality, traffic, flooding, dust and vibration were raised in the full meeting.

At the SMZ pre-meeting Chair Ian Thomas suggested that WOPC clerk might like to ask Matt Glover from BBV to share traffic and road closure information for Birmingham and Solihull, so residents can be informed better regarding likely delays to their daily journeys in and out of the village.

At the full meeting HS2/BBV felt that flooding was due to a climate event beyond their control. It was impressed upon them that 2023 has already seen 3 flooding events on Attleboro Lane. BBV took an action to look further into this. Jonathan Lord also recommended that one liaises with the Environment Agency regarding this matter, as and when it occurs.

Regarding air quality HS2/BBV stated that they currently have 2 air quality monitors, but we're unsure what they were tracking. Matt Glover from BBV will liaise with BBV Environmental Team to provide details on what emissions and air quality parameters are being tracked.

He will endeavour to provide linkage to relevant data.

At the meeting it was resolved to action a meeting between North Warwickshire Environmental Health and HS2 to provide a view on air quality.

On traffic management, there was some complacency regarding the volume of HS2 related traffic and road closure. Dave Reilly and Martin Watson stressed the oversaturation of traffic and its effect on getting to work on time.

Report written by Cllr Feli Freeman.