



Highbarns Chalk Mine Remediation

Newsletter 11 – Update

Dear Resident,

With the news you have all been waiting for!

You will be pleased to know that the chalk mine works are all but complete within the DLCO. We have placed over 8300m³ of bulk and compaction grout which is equivalent to over 83 double decker buses.

While there is still some question over the amount of works required to treat in and around the collapse at Meadow Rd, we are in discussions with Herts Highways and Dacorum as to how best resolve this issue.

At the time of writing, no instruction has been given to treat this area which is outside of the existing DLCO. Once a decision has been made, we will write again to inform those residents affected.

We are now at the point where operations onsite will be scaled back as there is no further treatment planned. We will commence demobilisation next week.

The cabins and offices on Chambersbury Lane will be removed; if we could ask those residents on Chambersbury Lane to bear with us while we do this. We have already removed the compound on Pond Rd.

We will move a small number of cabins to the central area compound which will allow a team to remain on site and complete all outstanding reinstatement works to homes, gardens and public areas. The focus since Christmas has been very much on completing all of the treatment works and a huge amount of extra validation works; the focus will now shift to completing final reinstatement work. We will be in touch with residents to detail this final work.

As you can appreciate this is not the best time of year to leave site, especially given the amount of rain we are currently experiencing. We have agreed with the council that the compound areas will remain roped off for several weeks until the ground is dry enough to lay turf and fully reinstate these areas.

Some of you will be aware that the resurfacing of the roads and pavements will be managed and undertaken by Hertfordshire Highways. We believe that this will ensure works are completed with minimum disruption to residents and to the satisfaction of all parties. Details of these repairs will be communicated to you by the Highways team.

You will also be aware how much of a unique and challenging project this has been for everybody involved, in particular, the residents. While the main treatment works within the DLCO have been completed, there is still the final reinstatement and demobilisation works to complete. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and continued support over the last 13 months.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact us using the Community phone number on 07925094833 or at our site offices on Chambersbury Lane

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