



Highbarns Chalk Mine Remediation

Newsletter 09 – Update

Dear Resident,

It has been an unusual few weeks at Highbarns, here is an update of the latest news:

Many of you will be aware of a ground collapse that occurred in the front of Meadow road 4 weeks ago. Following this, we took the step of securing the immediate area.

Although this has occurred at a late stage in our planned work, we have been able to carry out an initial investigation to establish the extent of this collapse and to see if it is connected to the current work area.

While these works are still ongoing, it has been found that the risk to the roadway is significant and a decision was made by Herts Highways at the end of last week to put in an emergency road closure. The current diversion means that traffic will have to access this section of Highbarns via Meadow road.



While this is likely to cause further disruption to residents, we are working with Herts Highways, Dacorum Borough Council and Hyder to seek a resolution as quickly as possible.

Elsewhere on site, works have been ongoing. To date we have placed over 5474m³ of compaction grout and 2089m³ of bulk infilling, a total equivalent to almost 76 double decker buses.

While much of this is focussed on areas previously untreated, further validation and investigation has shown it necessary to undertake some extra work in other areas. Again, we are working with Hyder and DBC to ensure that these additional works are completed while we remain on site.

What this means in reality is that we will be carrying out treatment works up until 20th December. Reinstatement of properties where works have concluded will also be undertaken at this time with final reinstatement and demobilisation taking place in the New Year.



We have agreed with Herts Highways the level of reinstatement required to the areas of road and footpath that have been affected by the works. While this will be completed by a specialist contractor, we are committed to doing so with the least possible disruption to residents and as yet, exact timings are to be confirmed.

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

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support – BAM Ritchies

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