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Dear resident,

I am writing to you to provide an update on the ground investigation works that took place at the end of last year in your area. One of the purposes of ground investigation is to gather groundwater samples and conduct water level monitoring to get a better understanding about the existing ground conditions. This information can then be used to enable the new railway to be safely constructed.

During the course of 2018 further water samples and water level monitoring will take place on a **monthly basis** at the borehole locations that we previously wrote to you about. Sampling is a non-intrusive procedure that typically involves a pair of workman working for a couple of hours per location and should not result in significant disturbance for residents.

In advance of this, we will be required to undertake what is known as standpipe development. Standpipe development is the process of cleaning out the pipe of each borehole to ensure that it is ready and suitable for use. This process involves flushing out the pipes and therefore requires a pump and tanks to hold the water, and a flatbed lorry to transport them to the borehole. Standpipe development can take up to one day to complete and during this time, our contractors may need to setup limited traffic management (such as orange fencing and signs) and may request that vehicles are moved to allow them to access the boreholes.

Please note that standpipe development is due to take place in your area during **January, February and March 2018**. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

For further information, please see "A non-technical guide to HS2 ground investigations" at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-ground-investigations-a-non-technical-guide>

If you have further enquiries, please contact the HS2 helpdesk on 08081 434 434 or at hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk.

For more information on about what the proposals are for the route as it travels through the London Borough of Hillingdon, how it is being constructed and what we are doing to make this less disruptive, please visit: <https://hs2inhillingdon.commonplace.is/>

Yours sincerely,



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