



## Northern Line Extension Battersea Community Liaison Group

Tuesday 30 April 2019

FLO Site Office, Battersea Park Road, London, SW8 4BZ

### Attendees:

| Name                          | Organisation      |
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| Carla Arnold (CA)             | FLO – NLE         |
| Matthew Brinklow (MB)         | FLO – NLE         |
| Jonathan Cooper (JC)          | LU                |
| CHAIR: Steve Diamond (SD)     | LB Wandsworth     |
| Joseph Dunbar (JB)            | Savona Street     |
| Michael Flynn (MF)            | TfL               |
| Harry Goonewardene (HG)       | Savona Estate     |
| David Hickman (DH)            | 6 Riverlight Quay |
| Pirjo Hickman (PH)            | 6 Riverlight Quay |
| Kenneth Jordan (KJ)           | Savona Street     |
| Cllr Maurice McLeod (Cllr MM) | LB Wandsworth     |
| John Mealey (JM)              | Minute-taker      |
| Cllr Paula Walker (Cllr PM)   | LB Wandsworth     |
| Niall Watson (NW)             | FLO – NLE         |
| Kwok Yau (KY)                 | TfL               |

|            | Item   | Action |
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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Introduction and apologies</b>  |        |
| 1.1        | Welcome from Steve Diamond (SD), followed by round-the-table introductions from all attendees.   |        |
| 1.2        | Councillor Paula Walker (Cllr PM) explained today was the first time she has attended the Battersea Community Liaison Group (CLG) and asked what FLO actually is. Carla Arnold (CA) explained that FLO is the joint-venture carrying out the project of extending the Northern Line. CA said FLO stands for Ferrovial and Laing O'Rourke, which are the names of the joint-venture organisations. It was noted that the FLO team on this project is separate from that working on the Tideway site, although it is ultimately the same contractor.   |        |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Minutes of the previous meeting – accuracy and matters arising</b>  |        |
| 2.1        | SD went through the minutes and action points from the previous meeting.   |        |
| 2.2        | Action 1 (2.3) – In regard to investigating what is possible to generate an interest in the project within the community, SD recommended that the CLG mailing list is extended. Cllr PW said it is not just residents in the area of the site that should be invited, it is also those who live in other areas close to where the station will be.   |        |
| 2.3        | David Hickman (DH) said the Concierge at Riverlight is happy to email residents. DH also said he is happy to advise residents of future meetings.  |        |
| 2.4        | Cllr PW noted that no residents attended the last CLG on 16 January 2019 and asked whether TfL has done anything different for today's meeting, as residents were present. SD said those associated with the CLG spread the word for today's meeting and following comments received, a decision was also made to hold the meeting on site and at the earlier time of 16.30, in the hope it would encourage others to attend. SD also said that works were now less disruptive and the site team has done an "excellent job" in responding to concerns, so neighbours are not disturbed too often. |        |
| 2.5        | DH said the advance mailing invite for today's meeting was very helpful, as he could plan ahead.   |        |
| 2.6        | Action 2 (3.4) – CA confirmed there are a couple of updated slides in today's presentation which will show the vehicle movement graphs for the site.   |        |

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| 2.7  | Action 3 (3.8) – SD advised that his contact who he hoped would help FLO’s Sophie Boyle (SB) increase engagement with Wandsworth-based schools has retired. CA said if SD has any other contacts he could recommend, SB is happy to liaise directly moving forward.   |           |
| 2.8  | CA also said that a couple of people were also put forward for work experience opportunities but it did not work out, as one did not show up and the other was more interested in IT, rather than engineering.  |           |
| 2.9  | CA said SB will be contacting St George’s Primary School in Battersea to see whether there are any engagement opportunities.  |           |
| 2.10 | Cllr PW recommended SB also contacts St Mary’s and Griffin primary schools. <b>Action 1: SB to liaise with St Mary’s and Griffin primary schools to investigate potential engagement opportunities.</b>   | <b>SB</b> |
| 2.11 | Action 4 (6.2) – Jonathan Cooper (JC) confirmed that a one-off site tour would take place immediately after today’s meeting, for those in attendance. CA explained that future site tours are dependent on the current stage of construction and suitability for public access. CA explained that future site tour requests would need to work with the programme, before the team could agree to facilitate.   |           |
| 2.12 | Action 5 (7.2) – Michael Flynn (MF) advised he had investigated the request to confirm whether CLGs are scheduled to take place throughout the duration of the project or until building work is complete. MF referred to the Terms of Reference and said there is a section titled ‘To Review’. Within this section, it states there would be an annual agenda item to review the need for the CLG. In regard to frequency, the Terms of Reference state quarterly but the group can decide whether meetings take place more or less frequently. |           |
| 2.13 | SD recommended this matter is kept simple and said TfL is committed to keeping a forum open for the community. SD said it would be best if future meetings also take place on site.   |           |
| 2.14 | Harry Goonewardene (HG) said the start time of today’s meeting (16.30) is too early for many people. CA explained the earlier start time is simply to facilitate the one-off site tour.   |           |
| 2.15 | Joseph Dunbar (JB) asked whether there is a lift facility up to the floor where today’s CLG was taking place, for elderly or disabled residents. Niall Watson (NW) said there is a lift but it does not go up to the viewing platform.  |           |
| 2.16 | CA said the viewing platform is a great opportunity to see the site, if site tours cannot take place regularly.   |           |

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| 2.17 | <p>Cllr PW asked for clarity on the remit of the CLG, with regard to disruption for residents. Cllr PW asked whether this means for those living next to Battersea tube station once the NLE is operational or whether it is for the construction of the project. SD explained that the CLG relates to the construction of the project and although a previous question was raised regarding when the CLG will stop, it is important to understand what the community wants from these meetings.</p>                                 |  |
| 2.18 | <p>HG said residents are concerned what will happen once construction is completed, as there is a division between the site and Savona Estate.</p>   |  |
| 2.19 | <p>HG also said there is concern regarding the condition of Battersea Park Road. SD explained that Battersea Power Station Development is funding improvements to Battersea Park Road through their planning obligations and the Council is working with them and TfL on this. SD also said if residents have any queries or concerns about the condition of the road or the pedestrian crossing leading to the station then please contact LB Wandsworth's Kathryn Stewart or himself, as it falls out of the remit of the CLG.</p> |  |
| 2.20 | <p>JC said landscaping around Battersea Station is nothing to do with TfL or FLO, as they do not own the land. JC repeated it is the responsibility of the Battersea Power Station Development.</p>  |  |
| 2.21 | <p>Cllr PW asked whether LB Wandsworth carries out monitoring of the site. Matthew Brinklow (MB) explained that noise and air quality monitoring is done internally by FLO but reports of the results are issued to the Council. MB also said the Council has its own air quality monitor opposite the site entrance.</p>  |  |
| 2.22 | <p>Cllr PW asked whether the noise and air quality monitoring data is accessible to residents. MB answered yes and explained the data is available on TfL's NLE webpage, under the 'Environmental monitoring report's section (link below).</p> <p><a href="https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/northern-line-extension#on-this-page-1">https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/northern-line-extension#on-this-page-1</a></p>   |  |
| 2.23 | <p>HG said the dust in the area has been very bad over the past couple of weeks. NW explained a lot of work has taken place where the road has been dug up, however, this was not NLE works. JC also said there has been a lot of Saharan dust over the past week.</p>   |  |
| 2.24 | <p>MB said the dust levels would have to be reasonably high for the team to get an alert, however no alerts have been received over the past two weeks.</p>  |  |
| 2.25 | <p>HG believed Tideway cleans residents' windows every so often, which is extremely helpful and hoped the NLE would consider this. DH said Riverlight residents pay a service charge to have their windows cleaned, so Tideway does not do it.</p>   |  |
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| <b>3.0</b> | <b>NLE progress update and presentation</b>  |  |
| 3.1        | Presentation by Niall Watson, which provided an update on progress at Battersea between January-April.   |  |
| 3.2        | PW said the newest tube lines have plastic doors on the platform, before entering the tube. PW asked whether the NLE will have these. JC explained there are currently no plans to install these at the new NLE stations and the rest of the Northern Line does not have them.   |  |
| 3.3        | JC said if the platform edge doors were ever to be installed on the Northern Line, the only stations that would have them are Battersea and Nine Elms, as they are the only stations which have the capacity to do so. HG asked whether a decision had been made regarding the main entrance of Battersea tube station. JC said there is a main entrance which NW spoke about in the presentation. JC said he would show HG the entrance when on the site tour, after the CLG. |  |
| 3.4        | JC said there will also be a second entrance to the site near Battersea Cats and Dogs home, however, this will be the responsibility of Battersea Power Station Development, as it is not in the scope of works for TfL's current contractor. Timings are unconfirmed for the second entrance, as discussions are taking place regarding who will build it.  |  |
| 3.5        | Kenneth Jordan (KJ) asked whether the entrance to the 'Community Hub' will be as "hideous" as what was shown recently in the London Evening Standard. JC stressed he cannot comment on this as it is not TfL's responsibility.   |  |
| 3.6        | Cllr PW asked SD whether he is hopeful that the Battersea Power Station Development Company will agree to provide access to the station from the tunnel linking to Stewart's Road. SD answered yes, that is the intention, although this is the responsibility of Battersea Power Station Development Company.   |  |
| 3.7        | Cllr PW wanted assurances that people on both sides of the road will be able to access the Battersea station safely. SD said the eastern end will be accessible and safe for residents with a new pedestrian crossing.   |  |
| 3.8        | JC also said the footpath area near the station will be renewed and will be made safe. Cllr PW asked whether this will be ready for when the NLE is operational. JC answered yes.  |  |
| 3.9        | Presentation by MB, which provided an environmental monitoring update for noise and dust levels at Battersea.  |  |
| 3.10       | Cllr PW asked what the number is for the red limit line on the noise monitoring results. MB answered approximately 80. MB also said the team's average noise level is approximately 70 decibels, which includes a lot of noise from road traffic.  |  |

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| 3.11       | Cllr PW asked how the latest air quality results compare from this time last year to now. MB advised he would not know this answer off the top of his head. MB also stressed the latest results are from the last quarter (January-April).  |  |
| 3.12       | SD asked MB what would happen if the NLE triggered the air quality limit. MB said if it was due to NLE works, the team would investigate cleaning windows etc, in order to mitigate.  |  |
| 3.13       | Cllr PW said her primary concern with air quality levels is the health impact it has on the community. Cllr PW asked whether the NLE can report on the health impact. MB said LB Wandsworth's monitor at the entrance of the site is the one that monitors health, so recommended Cllr PW liaises with the Council as it may be able to answer her queries.   |  |
| 3.14       | Cllr PW said residents feel "under siege" from dust in the area. MB stressed the team monitors noise and air quality for the site and if there are any high recordings, the team investigates what it is doing and how it can improve. MB also said that during the warmer summer months, the team will dampen down more, use the road sweeper more frequently etc to minimise levels. However, MB said it is important for residents to know that there is a lot of other construction work in the area. |  |
| 3.15       | Presentation by CA, which provided a complaints and enquiries summary for Battersea for the period between 16 January-26 April.   |  |
| 3.16       | Presentation by CA, which provided an update on FLO's community engagement effort, as well and the project's skills and employment initiatives.   |  |
| 3.17       | HG referred back to the 16.30 start time for today's meeting and said residents were not made aware that a site tour would take place after the CLG. If residents knew, many more would have attended the meeting.  |  |
| 3.18       | JC advised HG that if a lot more residents attended the meeting then the site tour could not have taken place. MF said the team did not want to promise a site tour and then too many people turn up, which would result in the tour being cancelled. MF said the team can look at hosting a site tour periodically, but it could not take place after every CLG.   |  |
| 3.19       | SD suggested that perhaps the next time a site tour can be arranged, TfL/FLO can invite a different group of residents, to ensure the majority have an opportunity to visit the site.   |  |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Review of Terms of Reference</b><br><br>Subject covered earlier by MF (point 2.13).  |  |
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| <b>5.0</b> | <b>Future agenda items</b>   |            |
| 5.1        | CLlr PW requested an up-to-date timescale of the project is included at the next meeting, as she is aware it has slipped. <b>Action 2: TfL to provide an up-to-date timescale of the project at the next CLG.</b>  | <b>TfL</b> |
| 5.2        | MF said the current status of the NLE opening date is still under review, as it has been since before Christmas. MF said it has been widely reported that the NLE will be operational from the second half of 2021 but this is yet to be confirmed.  |            |
| 5.3        | JD asked whether the NLE will be affected by Brexit, if the UK leaves the EU. SD said the financing of the NLE is from developer contributions and business rates, supported by a government loan guarantee, so the short answer is it is dependent on economic conditions, not Brexit per se. |            |
| <b>6.0</b> | <b>Dates of future meetings</b>  |            |
|            | TBC.   |            |
| <b>7.0</b> | <b>A.O.B</b>   |            |
| 7.1        | HG wanted to thank CA for sorting out the issue regarding the FLO mini-bus waiting in Savona Street.   |            |
| 7.2        | HG also wanted to thank NW for all of the information he has provided over the past four years, as he understood he was leaving the project. HG said NW has always been extremely helpful.   |            |
| 7.3        | KJ asked whether any extensive archaeological remains were found during the tunnelling of the project. MB advised that very little was found.  |            |

Meeting started at 16:41 and finished at 17:45. Minutes drafted by JM.