

Northern line extension

Battersea Community Liaison Group

13 October 2014

The ROSE Centre, Ascalon Street, Battersea

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Officer rep: Steve Diamond (SD)	LB Wandsworth
Steve Pinto	Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce
Liz Walton (LW)	Battersea Society and CEAG
Harendra Goonewardene (HG)	Savona Estate
Tim Hill (TH)	Battersea Power Station
Sarah Banham	Battersea Power Station
Emma-Jane Kirtland (E-JK)	TfL
Peter Headland (PH)	TfL
David Darcy (DD)	Ferrovial Agroman Laing O'Rourke (FLO)
Jez Porter (JP)	FLO
Rob McCarthy (RMcC)	FLO

Apologies: Cllr Nicola Nardelli, Jon Kirkup

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1.	Introduction to the NLE Design and Build contractor Ferrovial Agroman Laing O'Rouke (FLO)	
1.1	DD stated FLO was very pleased to have been awarded the contract, which was signed with TfL on 4.9.14. FLO is a joint venture between a Spanish company (Ferrovial Agroman) and a UK company (Laing O'Rouke). These large construction companies have worked closely together over the last six/seven years on projects such as Terminal 2 at Heathrow Airport and they are also bidding for Thames Tideway Tunnel projects. FLO was working with Battersea Power Station.	
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25.6.2014	
2.1	Agreed as accurate.	
2.2	Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted Thames Tideway Tunnels had received a Development Consent Order by the Government 	
3.	Feedback from the Core Community Liaison Group	
3.1	PH reported back from the Core Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was held on 27.9.2014 and chaired by Cllr Mark Williams from Southwark • It was agreed that representation from resident/community groups should be 3 reps from NLE Community Action and a representative from each of the four Area CLGs. NLE Community Action is an umbrella group of objector groups from the Public Inquiry • Issues from the local CLGs can be escalated to the Core Group if necessary • HG attended as a representative from the Battersea CLG 	
3.2	The next meeting of the Core Group will be held on 5.11.2014.	
3.3	SD noted that the Battersea Group is independent from the Core Group which considers route wide issues, however issues can be escalated to the Core Group should they	

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	have a line wide dimension or directly to the contractor/TfL should they be local.	
3.4	HG noted the difficulty of getting residents from the estate involved, but this may change once construction works start.	
3.5	Minutes of the Core Group will be circulated to members of the Group once agreed.	
4.	Northern line extension progress report	
4.1	E-JK and PH gave a presentation including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall update • Enabling works • Ground investigations • Code of Construction Practice Part B • Complaints received • Updates and newsletters • Hoardings • Consents • Jobs and apprenticeships • Draft community engagement strategy <p><i>Overall update</i></p>	
4.2	E-JK stated that, subject to the Secretary of State decision on the Transport and Works Act Order, main works will start mid 2015.	
4.3	E-JK stated that Tunnel Boring Machines will start Spring 2016 and will take about nine months to complete, moving eastwards from Battersea to Kennington where they will be lifted from the shafts. DD noted there will be a separate piece of work creating the overrun tunnels underneath Battersea Dogs and Cats Home. This is a complex operation which will be undertaken later in the project. <p><i>Code of Construction Practice Part B</i></p>	
4.4	E-JK noted that workshops will take place, TfL and FLO are currently working up the details and timescales. RMcC stated there will be site specific Environment Management Plans and local issues can be considered as part of these.	
4.5	RMcC noted that the CoCP Part B has to be agreed with local authorities by January 15 so residents will need to be engaged in 2014.	FLO

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4.6	<p>HG stated evenings after 7.00pm and Saturdays would be the best timings for events. He offered to put information onto his estate notice boards. SB stated that a 5 day approach worked well for the Power station; Weds, Thurs, Fri, Sat and Sun with Thurs often being a busy day – she stressed the importance of hard copy leaflets rather than relying on emails. SP said that Thursdays are a good day to involve businesses, however they were unlikely to attend at weekends; SP would be willing to promote the events to businesses. SD noted that other groups could be informed such as CEAG (Community Engagement Advisory Group), Battersea Power Station Community Forum and the Battersea Society.</p>	
4.7	<p>SD asked if detail on site access would be available through the Part B's. RMcC confirmed this would be included.</p>	
4.8	<p>E-JK reported that the website for the NLE www.tfl.gov.uk/northern-line-extension would be revamped. DD noted that FLO had a video which could be used in the engagement.</p>	
4.9	<p>PH stated that it was important to manage expectations, and understand what issues could be influenced. Best practice, legislation and the CoCP Part A set out many areas of Part B. Engaging residents however was always likely to result in “golden nuggets” of information and issues which could be easily missed. LW noted that raising awareness of the project as a whole in the community was crucial, not just the specifics of Part B. SB mentioned that communications could include issues such as zone 1 and increased possibility of getting a seat on the tube!</p>	
4.10	<p>Dates of events to be sent to members of the Group once available.</p> <p><i>Ground investigation works</i></p>	TfL
4.11	<p>E-JK reported that Lambeth and Southwark councils were willing to make available the results of the ground investigations undertaken on the public land in their boroughs (in Wandsworth ground investigations were carried out on private land which could not be shared). E-JK stated that FLO had received the ground investigation data and would be developing an interpretative report which would inform design and mitigation measures.</p>	FLO

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	<i>Enabling works</i>	
4.12	E-JK gave a presentation on enabling works including the UKPN new power supply to the Battersea and Nine Elms developments, Thames Tideway Tunnels, Sainsbury's as well as the NLE. UKPN were carrying out these works under their own powers and NLE had taken the opportunity to use this shared supply to minimise disruption. LW confirmed UKPN had informed residents well in advance of the works taking place but it would still be a number of weeks before they arrived in the area.	
4.13	JP reported that the utility works currently being undertaken on Battersea Park Road at present were being carried out by National Grid on the intermediate pressure gas main as part of their own powers. HG reported that they had not provided notice to residents of the work.	
4.14	JP reported that Thames Water would be surveying their large sewers in the area – this would not involve digging up the road but could involve traffic management measures. SB asked if JP could clarify if Stewarts Road would be included – Battersea Power Station are digging there to link a foul water sewer from their main site to the main sewer in Stewarts Road.	FLO to clarify
	<i>Updates and newsletters</i>	
4.15	PH reported that an email update had been sent to 1500 people registered for updates on the NLE. A 4 page newsletter would be sent out after the Transport and Works Order Act decision. This would be in electronic form and hard copies would be provided for local residents and community venues. SP offered to distribute the newsletter by email to local businesses. SB noted they mail out their "Building Battersea" newsletter to 4,200 homes and they would be willing to include NLE inserts. PH stated that community engagement would be co-ordinated with Nine Elms on the South Bank.	
	<i>Hoardings</i>	
4.16	E-JK stated that hoardings needed to conform to TfL standards. TfL had been in discussions with Battersea Power Station. The Power Station have impressive hoardings around the site and there are discussions on how these can be shared. Other sites (Nine Elms, Kennington Green and Kennington Park) are not shared	

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	<p>with other property owners and TfL/FLO would wish to develop initiatives involving local communities such as community arts.</p>	
	<p><i>Jobs and apprenticeships</i></p>	
4.17	<p>PH reported on a Careers Expo organised by Wandsworth for Lambeth and Wandsworth students in early December which NLE/FLO will have a presence at. This is co-ordinated by the Wandsworth BEST team (Business and Education Succeeding Together).</p>	
4.18	<p>DD stated that FLO considers the NLE to be a flagship project and a great opportunity to leave a legacy of socio-economic benefits for the area. Key issues for them are to inspire a generation of young people in terms of jobs and apprenticeships, to promote women within engineering and technical careers, and to work with underrepresented groups and ex-offenders (FLO are developing a day release scheme with Brixton Prison). FLO wishes to capture the interest of young people before they make career decisions. FLO also place emphasis on working with local SME's (small and medium sized enterprises).</p>	
4.19	<p>SD noted there was a low level of knowledge of engineering careers within schools, this was a key issue for the local authority. SD noted there was a Joint Co-ordination Unit for Wandsworth and Lambeth – this was the focus for employer and contractor engagement and he would put FLO in contact with them.</p>	
4.20	<p>SP highlighted the “Supply Nine Elms” initiative which is matching up SME's to opportunities and SB raised consortia building so SME's have a chance to bid for work.</p>	
4.21	<p>It was noted that there was an increased demand on the local transport system bringing construction workers to work, and E-JK reported this was something TfL was looking into.</p>	
	<p><i>Draft community engagement strategy</i></p>	
4.22	<p>PH noted that FLO will consider the draft strategy, the comments received and revise the strategy and plan for the next meeting – comments from the Group are welcomed.</p>	
4.23	<p>DD stated they would have a full time post on community liaison and E-JK stated TfL would also provide a resource.</p>	

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	PH noted that TfL/FLO would participate in the Nine Elms on the South Bank community engagement working group.	
5.	Membership	
5.1	PH stated new members identified at the last meeting would be targeted after the TWAO decision and this would tie in with the community liaison plan. It was important to be flexible about the group's membership even if people wanted to dip in and out of the meetings.	TfL
5.2	LW mentioned that he had mentioned the CLG to Susan Hoffman from Living Streets and she was interested in attending future meetings.	
5.3	SB stated that they invite speakers to their Community Forum on specific issues requested by their membership. NLE could be a future speaker.	
6.	Future agenda items	
6.1	Agreed as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FLO presentation • CoCP Part B • Draft community engagement strategy • Identification of business opportunities (report back on how opportunities might be presented and businesses engaged) 	
7.	Date of future meetings	
7.1	Agreed to meet Monday 19 January, Monday 20 April.	
7.2	Battersea Dogs and Cats Home and Yvonne Carr centre were mentioned as other future venues. Agreed to contact BDCH to see if available for the next meeting given the FLO presentation.	

Meeting started 7.00 and closed at 8.15
 Minutes drafted by PH