

Northern line extension

Core Community Liaison Group

30 July 2015

Bee Urban, Kennington Park, Lambeth

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Cllr rep: Jack Hopkins (Cllr JH) - chair	LB Lambeth
Cllr rep: Mark Williams (Cllr MW)	LB Southwark
Cllr rep: Jonathan Cook (Cllr JC)	LB Wandsworth
Officer rep: Caryl Davies (CD)	LB Wandsworth
Officer rep: Bill Legassick (BL)	LB Southwark
David Boardman (DB)	NLE Community Action
John Bayley (JB)	KWNAG
Lesley Wertheimer (LW)	NLE Community Action / Bee Urban
Mabel Garcia Aranda (MG)	FLO
Jez Porter (JP)	FLO
Emma-Jane Kirtland (EK)	Transport for London
Michael Tarrega (MT)	Transport for London
Katie-Jane Kyte (KK)	Transport for London

Apologies: Bob Lentell, Roland Petchey, Keith Trotter, Rob McCarthy, Jon Kirkup, Harry Goonewardene, Steve Diamond, Sarah Northey.

	Item	Action
1.0	Minutes of the previous meeting held 30 March 2015	
1.1	Accuracy of the minutes agreed.	

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1.2	DB raised a question on settlement deeds and KK advised this is covered in the agenda.	
2.0	Northern line extension progress report and presentation	
2.1	<p>JP and MG gave a progress update including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress at Kennington Green, Kennington Park, Nine Elms and Battersea sites • Code of Construction Practice Part B • Ground investigations • Settlement contours • Defects, conditions surveys and settlement deeds • Instrumentation and monitoring • Environmental monitoring • Traffic management • Hoardings • Consents • Complaints • Updates and newsletters • Skills, jobs and apprenticeships • Community Engagement Strategy 	
2.2	DB questioned whether ‘completion of tunnelling in 2017’ includes the Step Plate Junction works, JP confirmed currently that it does.	
2.3	<p>JP advised the group that as of 05:30am tomorrow morning Southern Gas Networks (SGN) will be commissioning the new 24” pipe which will involve a 24hour shift period. Residents may smell gas at this time but there is no cause for concern. JB questioned whether this will continue to happen, JP advised that this should be a one-off event and the works are on programme and SGN have been very good and very sensitive to the local residents. MG advised that residents will be receiving an email tonight.</p>	Flo
2.4	EK advised that the hoardings at Kennington Park will be put up shortly. LW questioned whether there has been any engagement with local schools on the design of the hoardings and if there are plans for school engagement in the future. EK noted that the vinyl has been designed by TfL but it is part of Flo’s Community Engagement Strategy to engage with local schools during the project on other elements of the works.	
2.5	DB questioned whether the 24” gas main SGN are working on	

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	<p>feeds the gas holder. JP stated that his understanding was that it did not and that the function of the Bulk utility main was to transfer gas at a pressure of approx 7 bar between areas.</p>	
2.6	<p>Cllr JH asked how Flo are sharing ground investigation findings. JP advised that the NLE is coordinating with other projects where appropriate MW questioned where the spoil will be going to when it is taken away by barge. JP responded it will be going to Goshems Farm and, like Wallasea Island, there should be an environmental benefit here. DB questioned whether Flo have spoken to Thames Tideway Tunnels about their spoil and JP confirmed that discussions are ongoing and there will be synergy between the two projects. JC queried the total tonnage of spoil and the percentage to be removed by river, MG to advise.</p>	MG
2.7	<p>JP stated that Flo have been delaying noisy works until 09:00 on a Saturday at Kennington Park and on a voluntary basis at Kennington Green. This practice is now however under review due to the piling works due to commence in the Autumn.</p>	
2.8	<p>Cllr JC questioned whether the tunnelling will be through London clay and JP confirmed that predominantly it would be. JP also advised that the Step Plate Junction length has been reduced from 100m to approximately 60m. LW questioned whether this meant there would be less noise during these works and JP stated that Flo would be looking to work a 24/5 working pattern for the sprayed concrete lining (SCL) tunnelling works and are in discussions regarding possession works to tie in the Step Plate Junction to the existing Kennington Loop. Work above ground would be in core hours (including shoulder hours) only.</p>	
2.9	<p>KK gave an update on the current track improvement works to the Kennington Loop; the maintenance team have started the stabilisation work which should help reduce movement in the track and so far have changed three sleepers, grouted 16 sleepers and secured 240 track fixings. The re-railing is scheduled to start next week and is expected to take until the end of August to complete. BL stated that LB Southwark are awaiting the design for the Step Plate Junction works to assess the effect on construction noise etc and are aware of the community's concerns. JP advised that step plate junction connection works here will not commence until Easter 2017 at the earliest and the design process is ongoing. DB questioned whether Flo will be using local depression wells at all, JP advised that they would in the Kennington shafts and will apply Best Practicable Means but they will be used 24/7. DB</p>	

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	<p>questioned whether the water would be expelled into local sewers and JP advised that it would however BL stated that there is a planning condition which looks the sustainable option of whether the water can be used at Kennington Park. Community members agreed this would be a good idea and Flo are to review.</p>	Flo
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Settlement contours</i></p>	
2.10	<p>JP advised that Flo are not expecting to see the full levels of settlement predicted on the contour drawings. DB asked to see a map with both the predicted settlement contours on and the TWAO Limits of Deviation. MG showed the group the drawing where these overlap and this was reviewed. DB questioned whether the contours could still shrink while the design is finalised and JP advised that this is unlikely to happen though there could be changes as the detail design is progressed, Defect surveys have commenced at Nine Elms.</p>	
2.11	<p>LW questioned what ‘post works’ means and if any consideration will be taken on the fact there will be more trains running under homes. JP stated that any short term settlement will become apparent during tunnelling works and if there were to be long term settlement this would not cause any further damage. EK questioned when the post-works survey will be done and JP explained that it would be done on properties if the settlement rate fell below a certain predicted level but Flo will be continuously monitoring this and will report back to the CLGs. LW asked if the data will be released to residents and JP advised that this could be accommodated but in the appropriate way and Flo will review that at the time. Cllr JH and Cllr MW also advised that they will look at what has been done following recent Tube extensions such as the Jubilee Line Extension.</p>	LBS / LBL
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Environmental monitoring</i></p>	
2.12	<p>JP informed the group that noise monitoring is now continuous at Kennington Green and will be installed shortly at Kennington Park. At both Kennington Park and Kennington Green an additional mitigation strategy needs to be put in place in the form of acoustic sheds, subject to detailed design. Flo are out to tender on these at the moment and therefore the details may vary but they will be approximately 14m high x 34 long x 18m wide. DB questioned what construction activity will cause noise that requires acoustic sheds and JP explained that this will be the tunnelling and Step Plate Junction works. BL stated that the 24hr removal of spoil would also necessitate the sheds</p>	

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	<p>however JP advised that Flo will store spoil underground and there will not be spoil lorries moving to and from site outside of core hours. DB questioned what sort of machinery will be used to construct the shafts and JP explained that it will be excavated and then use a sprayed concrete lining technique, which will also be used for the Step Plate Junction works. JB questioned whether the machinery will be electrical and JP confirmed there will be a mixture of electric and diesel however the diesel machinery will be low emissions and fully vented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Traffic management</i></p>	
2.13	<p>JP explained how the various projects in the area are coordinating their traffic management plans, acknowledging that a lot of residents around Kennington have raised concerns about this. At Kennington Green following a visit by Val Shawcross AM, Cllr Edbrooke, TFL and residents there is now a bi-weekly meeting attended by representatives from the local TFL projects and to which local residents are invited. EK advised that there is a cycle safety paper also available for the group to look at. DB advised that this is a big concern in the area, especially with the works at Elephant and Castle and Cllr MW advised that LB Southwark have also set up their own coordination group and passed on a contact to EK to liaise with.</p>	
2.14	<p>JB stated that lorries are still turning right at Kennington Park, JP stated that Flo will review this again with subcontractors however they have been engaging with the supply chain here and reiterating that subcontractors must flow these requirements down. JP thanked JB for raising this though and stated it is very helpful when residents let us know this is happening. Cllr MW questioned if there is a penalty for repeat offenders and whether Flo will take a zero tolerance stance on this. JP advised that the penalty is to review work allocation and Flo are reviewing their options here. LW stated that she has seen traffic marshals looking at their mobile phones rather than being aware of the construction traffic and JP advised that although mobile phones are being used as a communication tool at the moment this behaviour is not acceptable and residents should continue to report it.</p>	Flo
2.15	<p>JP reiterated that complaints are very beneficial to the project and we are trying to be more proactive. MG acknowledged that some of the complaints are recurrent and Flo are addressing these issues as the project progresses. MG reported that the TfL Helpdesk now has a NLE option which will come through to a dedicated team, which is working very well. Cllr JH</p>	

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	<p>commented that having only 63 complaints in three months is very surprising and JP advised that Flo are engaging with people and meeting with residents to resolve issues hopefully before they become complaints.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Updates and newsletters</i></p> <p>2.16 DB stated that the current newsletters and updates which come out are very good and to tell/show people what is going on behind the hoarding is very important to create a sense of excitement about the project.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Skills, jobs and community engagement</i></p> <p>2.17 Cllr MW advised that LB Southwark have set up a Construction Skills Academy at Elephant and Castle and would be keen for the NLE to tie into this. MG stated that Flo would be very interested in supporting this.</p> <p>2.18 MG advised that there is a Community Engagement Strategy available for the group to take away and look at, with any suggestions welcome.</p>	
3.0	Update on any issues since the Environmental Statement	
3.1	MG advised that there are no changes to the Environmental Statement.	
4.0	Settlement Deeds	
4.1	<p>DB raised a concern that there is a discrepancy between the offer of a settlement deed to those within the Order limits and the 1mm settlement contour boundary, which was not made clear at the public inquiry and TfL should have been aware of. DB stated that he believes those outside of the Order limits will be getting a lesser service as they are not being offered a settlement deed. EK advised that requests for a settlement deed from people outside of the Limits of Deviation but within the 1mm contour boundary are being reviewed by TfL on a case-by-case basis. Cllr JH asked that TfL review this and come back with a statement as to why this offer is not being extended, and the local authorities will also review their position. LW asked if the relevant locality sections of the Limits of Deviation-settlement contour plan can be issued to residents and EK advised that Flo and TfL will review this.</p>	<p>TfL</p> <p>TfL / Flo</p>
5.0	Minutes of area CLGs	

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5.1	KK went through the issues log for all area CLGs, which will be updated and distributed prior to the next meeting.	TfL
5.2	Cllr MW raised a concern with the quiet hour and questioned what discussions are ongoing here and why it cannot be continued. JP advised that the noise will be mitigated further when the hoardings are fully erected and there will be issues with the supply chain (shift patterns, availability of materials) if the day is shifted from 08:00-13:00 to 09:00-14:00. EK also advised that the 08:00-13:00 hours are core across the whole of London. Cllr MW questioned if there have been any complaints of working between 08:00 and 09:00 at sites and JP advised that there have not been. LW stated that TfL are not starting works until 09:00 on a Saturday at Elephant and Castle and therefore questioned why the situation was different here. Cllr JH asked for an easy-to-understand justification for removing the quiet hour and Cllr MW asked for a broad programme of works, both before the next CLG. JP advised that Flo are working closely with the Environmental Health Officers of each council when submitting predicted noise levels.	TfL / Flo
5.3	Cllr JH asked that actions between LB Lambeth and Bee Urban are removed from the NLE issues log as these are being discussed in a different forum.	TfL
5.4	BL reported that he is arranging a meeting regarding suspension of parking bays and EK will liaise with him on this. BL is also chasing the project manager at Kennington Park House regarding their survey works.	TfL / LBS
5.5	CD raised a concern that there are very few places to cross Battersea Park Road, and the relocation of the bus top due to the signalised junction might not be useful for residents. A safe place to cross needs to be considered and TfL / Flo are to review this.	TfL / Flo
6.0	Future agenda items	
6.1	Agreed future agenda items as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring planning condition • Settlement Deeds • Zoning • Environmental restitution 	
7.0	Future cycle of meetings	

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7.1	KK advised this will be September/October. Cllr JH asked that they are not at the end of September as there are Party meetings which councillors will be attending.	

Meeting started 7.03 and closed at 8:35.
Minutes drafted by KK