



**Northern Line Extension (DRAFT)**  
**Kennington Green Community Liaison Group**

Monday 8 October 2018

Venue: Henry Fawcett Primary School, Bowling Green Street, London, SE11 5BZ

**Attendees:**

Name	Organisation
Carla Arnold (CA)	Ferrovial Laing O'Rourke (FLO)
Priscilla Baines (PB)	Heart of Kennington Residents' Association
Paul Bilic (PBi)	Local resident
Matthew Brinklow (MB)	Ferrovial Laing O'Rourke (FLO)
Alan Cartwright (AC)	Transport for London (TfL)
Paul Dean (PD)	Local resident – Ravensdon Street
Marilyn Evers (ME)	Kennington Park Estate Tenants and Residents' Association (KPETA)
Michael Flynn (MF)	Transport for London (TfL)
Sally Gainsborough (SG)	Heart of Kennington Residents' Association
Liam Greaney (LG)	Ferrovial Laing O'Rourke (FLO)
Anna Hadkyj (AH)	Transport for London (TfL)
Karl Jeffries (KJ)	Heart of Kennington Residents' Association
CHAIR: Cllr Philip Normal (PN)	London Borough of Lambeth
Andy Powell (AP)	Heart of Kennington Residents' Association
Graeme Tish (GT)	Paperlink
Mark Walker (MW)	Admin support (minute taker)

**Apologies:**

None received

	Item	Action
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Chairperson's introduction</b>	
1.1	Welcome and introduction from Cllr Philip Normal (PN), followed by round-table introductions from all attendees.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting – accuracy and matters arising</b>	
2.1	The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as accurate. No matters arising.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>NLE progress update</b>	
3.1	Liam Greaney (LG) provided a progress update for the Kennington Green site.	
3.2	Carla Arnold (CA) explained that Mabel Garcia has taken up an opportunity at Ferrovial HQ in Chiswick and is no longer involved with the NLE project.	
3.3	CA provided an update on enquiries and complaints received in relation to Kennington Green and Montford Place since the previous CLG in July.	
3.4	Matt Brinklow (MB) provided an environmental update, including results from	

	noise and air quality monitoring.	
3.5	Paul Bilic (PBi) advised he lives at 3 Kilner House, on the corner of Clayton Street and has been experiencing disruption from noise at night, which sounds like a buzzing/grumbling sound. PBi asked is there is any explanation for this noise.	
3.6	MB responded to advise FLO cannot think of a likely cause for this noise. There has not been any activity in the relevant section of the tunnel at the times reported by PB.	
3.7	PBi advised the noise sounds like a generator that switches on for 30 minutes or so.	
3.8	Alan Cartwright (TfL) asked if there might be a substation located nearby. PBi advised the noise has only started recently, since the works at Kennington Green commenced. He cannot hear the noise outside but can hear it within his flat.	
3.9	LG advised FLO has looked at what work has been taking place within this element of the tunnel and also in the sections either side of the property in question. There has not been any equipment in use that would contribute to the nuisance and therefore nothing that could be moved, silenced or stopped.	
3.10	CA advised she has visited PBi's property with Rob McCarthy, FLO's Environmental Manager. A vibration monitor has been installed at the property and another monitor will be installed within the tunnel itself, to see if there is any correlation. FLO will continue to investigate.	
3.11	MB advised PBi he will try to get the second monitor installed this week.	
3.12	Marilyn Evers (ME) noted that one of the slides presented by MB showed a few spikes in noise levels during September and asked if there is any reason for this. MB responded to advise it will be due to a difference in work activity but is unable to advise more specifically without investigating further.	
3.13	AC asked what levels are shown on the presentation slide. MB confirmed these to be ten-hour averages.	
3.14	CA provided an update on Skills and Employment activity undertaken by FLO.	
3.15	CA highlighted a new 'retraining' scheme starting on 24 October, which offers a two-week college course followed by a two-week placement. CA advised lots of organisations are participating, including FLO. There is no age cap to the scheme. CA has copies of flyers with further details with her today, if people would like to take one.	
3.16	ME asked if details of the scheme are available online. <b>Action 1: CA to provide a PDF version of the retraining scheme flyer to ME and PN.</b>	<b>NLE</b>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Construction noise, dust and working hours</b> ( <i>standing item</i> )	
4.1	Michael Flynn (MF) confirmed this point has already been covered.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Noise and vibration on Kennington Loop and NLE</b>	

5.1	AC advised residents have been in touch with him directly about increased noise and vibration from the Kennington Loop. AC is unable to say why this has occurred and advised it could be due to a range of factors including the Step Plate Junction or the continuing degradation of rails around the Loop.	
5.2	PB mentioned that visitors to her house have commented that noise levels from trains running beneath her property are now much worse. PB knows the issue has been discussed regularly over the past four years and not much can be done about it but it is a problem that is getting worse.	
5.3	Karl Jeffries (KJ) explained that he has lived in his house for 13 years and experienced no problems for the first ten; now it sounds like a train is pulling into his basement.	
5.4	AC commented that new rolling stock came into operation on the line around 20 years ago, so this is unlikely to be the cause of the recent disruption.	
5.5	PB commented that there is now a great big void beneath KJ's house and this must be having some effect. PB has been asking for something to be done for a while but nothing has been. She notices the noise all the time and sometimes it is intolerable.	
5.6	KJ commented that the noise is quite distressing because it is constant.	
5.7	Andy Powell (AP) asked what investigations are being done to resolve the issue. It is understood that noise levels are relatively high and have been increasing over several years.	
5.8	AP asked when something is going to be done about this issue. AC advised there are no fixed plans to do anything about it. Rerailing plans were thrown out because there is no long-term benefit. This is what TfL's track engineers have reported.	
5.9	AP asked if it would be possible to get copies of these reports, as he would like to know what they say.	
5.10	PB said she appreciated AC attending the meeting but would like TfL to ensure people with the relevant technical expertise and seniority are available for the CLGs.	
5.11	KJ commented that the answers provided by TfL are never satisfactory and residents feel like they are being fobbed off, with late answers received to correspondence. KJ does not trust that the problem will stop in the future.	
5.12	PB wants to know why the problem is getting worse. Within her property, the noise of trains leaving the signal beneath has gone from 42dB to 49dB. This is a big jump and although no one has denied it is happening, no one has really tried to help. Lots of little things have been done but nothing significant.	
5.13	AC agreed with PB's comments.	
5.14	AC commented that a local resident is not satisfied with the responses he has received from TfL to Freedom of Information requests about this issue.	
5.15	MF believes the answers to questions about this issue sit outside of this forum.	

5.16	AP believes these problems are a function of the construction of the NLE.	
5.17	AC commented that he is unaware of any similar problems experienced by residents living above the Loop on the other side of the Step Plate Junction.	
5.18	<b>Action 2: MF to set up a separate meeting outside of the NLE CLG to discuss the ongoing issue of noise from the Kennington Loop. To include relevant TfL staff, including track engineering experts. Meeting to take place within a month of tonight's meeting, subject to availability of key people.</b>	<b>NLE</b>
5.19	PN is happy to attend the meeting arranged by MF.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Future agenda items inc. dates of next meetings</b>	
6.1	MF confirmed a date is yet to be set for the next CLG meeting. CN proposed Monday 7 January 2019.	
6.2	<b>Action 3: MF to investigate the availability of Kennington Library for the next CLG meeting (following problems experienced by a member of the public accessing tonight's venue) and circulate the confirmed date as soon as possible.</b>	<b>NLE</b>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
7.1	Sally Gainsborough (SG) asked who the most appropriate contact to deal with property repair issues is. MF confirmed residents should continue to contact the helpdesk via the usual telephone numbers and email address and mark for his attention. <b>Action 4: MF to circulate contact details for NLE helpdesk to residents.</b>	<b>NLE</b>
7.2	ME explained she has been in contact with Mabel Garcia regarding the issue of rodents in the local area. ME was waiting for a response from Mabel, however now realises this was probably not received due to Mabel leaving the project. ME commented that if there is anything FLO can do to assist, it would be really appreciated.	
7.3	LG confirmed a pest control specialist visits NLE's Kennington Green, Kennington Park and Montford Place sites on a monthly basis. There was a significant increase of rodents this summer, however this may have been due to the hot weather, rather than the excavation works that have been taking place for a number of years.	
7.4	LG confirmed FLO will commit to continue the monthly updating of rodent traps, etc. FLO is trying its best from a site management perspective and will continue to liaise with LB of Lambeth.	
7.5	ME acknowledged that FLO is doing its best to deal with the issue.	
7.6	CN asked FLO to provide an update on exactly what it is doing to assist with the issue of rodent reduction in the area. <b>Action 5: LG to provide an outline of pest control measures to CN.</b>	<b>NLE</b>

7.7	Paul Dean (PD) joined the meeting and advised he has been trying to access the building for a while but was unable to get in. Requested an update on the issue of noise from the Kennington Loop, particularly regarding what is being done.	
7.8	CN advised there was a lengthy discussion about this issue and a separate meeting is going to take place in the near future.	
7.9	CA asked if residents who have provided their contact details via the sign-in sheet are happy to be added to the mailing list for Kennington Green update. No objections raised.	

Meeting started at 18:35 and finished at 19:28. Minutes drafted by MW.