

Northern line extension

Kennington Park and Newington Community Liaison Group

9 March 2015
Pasley TRA Hall

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Cllr rep: Eleanor Kerslake (Cllr EK) - chair	LB Southwark
Cllr rep: David Amos (Cllr DA)	LB Lambeth
Officer rep: Iago Griffiths (IG)	LB Lambeth
Officer rep: Bill Legassick (BLeg)	LB Southwark
Gordon Johnston (GJ)	Friends of Kennington Park
Michelle Stokes (MS)	KWNAG
Alexandra Norrish (AN)	KWNAG
Bob Lentell (BLen)	KWNAG
Lesley Wertheimer (LW)	KWNAG/Bee Urban
Lynda Haddock (LH)	KWNAG/Fauce Street
Kathy Eaton (KE)	Bishops House EYC
Hamilton Rems (HR)	Lambeth & Southwark Housing Association
Mark Jackson (MJ)	Lambeth & Southwark Housing Association
Joseph May (JMa)	Kennington Park House
Judith Hogan (JH)	Kennington Park House
J G Moore (JMo)	Kennington Park House
Sean Maher (SM)	Harmsworth Street

Gill Lucas (GL)	De Laune Street
James Parker (JP)	St Agnes Place
Charlie Folorunsho (CF)	St Agnes Place
Mabel Garcia Aranda (MGA)	FLO
Jez Porter (JP)	FLO
Rob McCarthy (RMcC)	FLO
Steve Parker (SP)	FLO
Igancio Pacheco (IP)	FLO
Jon Kirkup (JK)	Transport for London
Katie-Jane Kyte (KK)	Transport for London
Peter Headland (PH)	Transport for London
Emma-Jane Kirtland (EK)	Transport for London
Jonathan Cooper (JC)	Transport for London

Apologies: Cllr Coyle, Barnaby Shaw, Kevin Williamson, Suzanne Jansen

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1.	Election of Chair	
1.1	The chairing of the meeting takes place on a rotating basis between councillors representing Lambeth and Southwark.	
1.2	Agreed Cllr EK would chair this meeting.	
1.3	PH explained the background and aims of the Community Liaison Groups for the Northern line extension (NLE).	
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting held 14.01.2015	
2.1	Agreed as accurate.	
2.2	No matters arising.	
3.	Northern line extension progress report and presentation	
3.1	Residents requested that the meeting discussed the Code	

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	<p>of Construction Practice Part Bs first and agreed that there will be questions throughout the presentation rather than waiting until the end. BLen stated he felt too much time is taken up doing the presentation and there is not enough time for community issues to be aired.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) Part Bs</i></p>	
3.2	<p>KWNAG raised the issue of the CoCP Part B not going to LB Southwark for approval or consultation, and they found it unacceptable that LB Southwark residents could not comment. IG stated that it would not be normal for a planning application that came into LB Lambeth to be consulted with LB Southwark. BLeg noted that this is not a normal situation and LB Southwark residents are more affected than Lambeth residents at Kennington Park.</p>	
3.3	<p>RMcC noted that before Christmas LB Southwark residents had had the chance to comment on the CoCP Part Bs through the drop in sessions, online survey and a separate meeting with KWNAG. KWNAG had made comments which Flo had responded to both by a letter and in person. The documents were also available on the NLE TfL website. KWNAG responded that they had only seen the original, the responses from Flo were not substantive and they have not had the chance to challenge or to see the final version that went to the Local Authorities. KWNAG's position is that LB Southwark must be consulted even though it is not a statutory requirement. Cllr Kerlake asked that the final version be put on the website.</p>	TfL
3.4	<p>Cllr EK asked whether there was scope to go to consultation with LB Southwark residents. IG considered consultation had taken place in December but agreed he would raise with the Head of Planning at LB Lambeth.</p>	LB Lambeth
3.5	<p>LW added that the Secretary of State document states that all three boroughs must be consulted. JK advised that LB Lambeth and LB Wandsworth are the only boroughs that are statutory approvers but all boroughs had been consulted for example through the drop in sessions before Christmas. He also noted that the final document is for the two Local Authorities to approve.</p>	
3.6	<p>JP stated that Flo have discussed comments and concerns with KWNAG on a number of occasions. AN stated that they have appreciated Flo's engagement with them</p>	

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3.7	<p>however KWNAG do not believe that their concerns have fully been taken into account.</p> <p>AN stated that traffic management is a real concern for residents and KWNAG believe the Traffic Management Plan within the CoCP Part B is not sufficient. BLeg stated that he had gone through the plan and made comments and Flo have taken his comments into consideration, however but he has not gone through these comments yet with KWNAG. Cllr EK stated that the meetings with Flo are very useful but there is no substitute for a statutory process and the action is with LB Lambeth as to whether they will consider opening up consultation to LB Southwark residents.</p>	<p>LB Lambeth</p>
3.8	<p>JP gave a progress update including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall update • Programme of work for the site – headlines and look ahead • Ground investigations • Settlement contours and monitoring • Defects surveys • Construction noise assessment • Traffic management • Complaints • Enabling works • Hoardings • Consents • Employment and skills strategy/jobs and apprenticeships • Newsletters and updates • Community engagement strategy <p><i>Settlement contours and monitoring</i></p>	
3.9	<p>SP noted that the footprint of settlement around the step plate junction works will become smaller as Flo are designing the works to be smaller, this is positive as it will reduce the impact on the surrounding residents.</p> <p><i>Defects surveys</i></p>	
3.10	<p>AN stated that in the last minutes there was an action on TfL to confirm they would acknowledge surveys for a limited number of properties just outside the 1mm contour line. JK stated that residents in such circumstances could contact the defects surveyor (at their own cost and</p>	

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3.11	<p>independent from TfL). MS questioned whether TfL would formally recognise these extra surveys and Cllr EK requested a written statement from TfL to confirm this.</p> <p>SP stated that the contour line would be frozen in four to five months and the timescale would be confirmed at the next meeting. JP added that the defects surveyor will be appointed in May. JP stated the contour line as we have it now is the most conservative and may reduce further. Residents at Kennington Park House stated that they would like defects surveys as they are very concerned and Cllr EK added that it is good to put minds at rest. SP clarified that the contour for the shaft works will not change and JP added that Kennington Park House will still be outside of the 1mm contour zone.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Traffic management</i></p>	TfL
3.12	<p>JP noted that there are works going on at the Kennington Park Road/Kennington Park Place junction that are not connected to the NLE (Better Junctions, Cycle Super Highway). LW reported concerns that the police have been at the junction advising cyclists and motorists of the dangers at that junction, and stated that the police had said that the junction needs a camera. BLen stated that he is concerned about the Traffic Management Plan in the CoCP Part B and believes the words about Kennington Park are not sufficient; it is seen in isolation and doesn't take into account other schemes in the area, doesn't flag up cyclists, doesn't address the concern on the number of lorries and there is no pedestrian diversion route for Kennington Park Place. KWNAG noted they do not have confidence that traffic management is being coordinated. Cllr Kerslake advised that LB Southwark are looking at that area and how it can be made safer. JK noted that TfL are coordinating all construction traffic and a lot of work has been done, especially with regard to cycle safety as TfL takes this very seriously. LW added that the path outside Kennington Park Lodge should be closed as pedestrians still walk down there and there isn't room. BLen questioned plans for a camera and the junction and stated that it will not happen if it's not in the plan now. Cllr EK agreed that if it's going to happen it needs to be planned in now. TfL and Flo to take away and look at this option.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Enabling works</i></p>	TfL/Flo

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3.13	JP advised that Flo are looking at shortening durations on enabling works activities to minimise disruption and are looking to start at the end March. LW raised a concern about the gas main and that the drawings do not align. Flo to follow this up.	Flo
4.	Report back from meetings with residents	
4.1	KWNAG: AN noted that the meetings had with TfL and Flo have been helpful and appreciated the efforts made by TfL/Flo/Southwark.	
4.2	JMa stated that residents at Kennington Park House were concerned they had been forgotten, however they had a meeting with the NLE project team last week and now felt they were connected.	
4.3	MJ stated that the NLE project team had also met with Lambeth and Southwark Housing Association, which has properties in St Agnes Place. CF, one of the residents, confirmed they were keen to be involved and updated.	
5.	Bee Urban	
5.1	LW stated that the Flo team assisting in the Bee Urban move from Kennington Park Lodge had been very helpful and this was much appreciated.	
5.2	LW raised concerns about the state of the new building: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • live cables hanging from the ceiling which she had been told were not being made safe as the builders have not had instruction from LB Lambeth • there is a boiler in the new premises that cannot be moved • there is no provision for two toilets as LB Lambeth have installed a shower which was not required • LB Lambeth have been difficult to communicate with • security concerns that the yard had been left unlocked at 7.00pm on a Saturday. 	
5.3	IG stated that he could not comment on the cables as he didn't know the details but he did know that the building was unfinished so was sure the cables weren't going to be left. IG stated that Lambeth would do a snagging check and there was still work to be done.	LB Lambeth
	<i>Post meeting note: These works are being pursued by LB</i>	

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	<i>Lambeth. Bee Urban now have the key to the site.</i>	
6.	Dog walking area	
6.1	GJ stated that the railings have gone down and area has been moved to the bottom of the park. The meeting noted thanks to David Watson for the work he had done including the survey for an alternative site for the dog walking area.	
7.	Bishops House Nursery	
7.1	KE thanked JP and JC from the NLE project for the excellent manner in which the work to the nursery had been carried out	
7.2	KE noted that there is no work going on at the moment which impacts Bishops House but did raise a concern regarding the future traffic management.	Flo
8.	Review of the operation of the Community Liaison Group	
8.1	Cllr EK asked the Group how they felt about the operation of the CLG and whether it is beneficial. AN stated that CLG was very helpful and a useful forum. She considered the presentation should be shorter so there is more time to discuss resident issues. AN also raised the importance of work to build up membership of the Group so that all local people are represented.	
8.2	LW asked that the presentation be issued before the meeting so the Group has time to go through and think of questions. Cllr EK agreed this would be very useful.	Flo
8.3	Agreed to include an issues log with the minutes.	TfL
8.4	MS asked that as the meetings are only every quarter that TfL/Flo make sure any issues are communicated and the residents are kept informed; this could be through the individual group meetings. MG reiterated Flo would be pleased to meet with individual groups. JP stated Flo produced Activity Notifications but residents raised the concern that these were coming in a day or sometimes only hours before the works started. MG added that Flo were planning on starting drop in sessions at the Kennington Park café so that people could come and learn about the project and talk to the team regarding any concerns.	Flo Flo

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8.5	JMa stated that KWNAG have been very helpful and Kennington Park House and other Southwark residents appreciated their efforts.	
9.	Restoration of the Park once works complete	
9.1	PH noted that the restoration of the park once works are complete is a specific role of the Group. It was agreed to consider this item at a further meeting.	
10.	Future agenda items	
10.1	AN raised concern about Saturday working hours. Cllr EK advised that there was an 'informal offer' to have a quiet hour between 08:00 and 09:00 and JP stated that works would be managed around this i.e. avoiding noisy works such as piling and moving heavy equipment; the type of work done would be briefings, moving small plant, material handling. Staff would also meet at Montford Place site rather than at Kennington Park. AN reiterated that residents are very concerned about noise levels and would rather the working day ran from 09:00 to 14:00 than 08:00 to 13:00.	Flo
10.2	IG stated that this would be more than just an 'informal arrangement' and Flo would be monitored to ensure the noise levels were being adhered to and residents agreed that having monitored noise levels would be more meaningful. Cllr Kerlake asked for a written proposal for the Saturday morning quiet hour to be produced asap.	
10.3	JP noted that when the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) is running the works will be carried out 24/7 below ground, however there will be an acoustic shed. Flo will manage lorry movements and supplies so that they would have everything they need and wouldn't need to make lorry trips after core hours. Cllr EK asked how long this would last and SP stated it would be approximately seven to eight months in total, starting early 2016. MS questioned if there is provision for noise monitoring in homes when the TBM machines start and SP stated there was not, clarifying that the TBMs would not cause prolonged noise under homes. JP added that the TBM would only be passing through under an individual home for one or two days and clarified that there would not be TBM noise for everyone for the full tunnel drive duration.	

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10.4	Kennington Park House residents raised concern regarding dust and would like this discussed at the next meeting.	
10.5	Next meeting should also include an update on the gas main.	
11.	Dates of future meetings	
11.1	Future meetings are to fit with councillors diaries. Proposed dates will be in June, September/October and January. MG reiterated that Flo are happy to meet resident groups between the CLG meetings.	TfL
12	AOB	
12.1	Concern raised over the closure of a path on Kennington Park Road and people getting off the bus had to walk in the road, JK stated that TfL would look into this as this is a TfL road.	TfL
12.2	Concern raised about pedestrian signage around the site and traffic management. Flo to review.	Flo

Meeting started 7.00 and closed at 8.40
 Minutes drafted by KK