

Northern Line Extension

Kennington Park and Newington Community Liaison Group

10 October 2016
The Royal British Legion

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Cllr rep: Eleanor Kerlake (Cllr EK)- chair	LB Southwark
Cllr rep: David Amos (Cllr DA)	LB Lambeth
Officer ref: Bill Legassick (BLeg)	LB Southwark
Michelle Stokes (MS)	KWNAG
John Bayley (JB)	KWNAG
Gordon Johnston (GJ)	Friends of Kennington Park
Susanna Dobson (SD)	Kennington Park Road Residents Association
Joseph May (JM)	Kennington Park House
Mark Thompson (MTh)	Transport for London
Melanie Barker (MB)	Transport for London
Michael Tarrega (MT)	Transport for London
Mabel Garcia (MG)	FLO
Alejandro Vazquez (AV)	FLO
Rob McCarthy (RM)	FLO

Apologies: Iago Griffith, Mike Penney, Gill Lucas, Bob Lentell, Lucy Cleeve,
Lesley Wertheimer

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1.0	Election of Chair	
1.1	The chairing of the meeting takes place on a rotating basis between councillors representing Lambeth and Southwark.	
1.2	Cllr EK chaired this meeting.	
1.3	Introductions done with apologies from those above. MT noted that the meeting will be recorded.	
2.0	Minutes of the previous meeting on 4 July 2016	
2.1	Meeting minutes agreed as accurate.	
2.2	2.7 – JB mentioned Kennington Park Place is in bad condition. Cllr EK said the Council would look into this	Lambeth
2.3	3.6 –MT to check whether residents on Ambersgate Street are receiving newsletters	TfL/FLO
2.4	4.12 – MT to check that maps of pre-agreed lorry movements were sent out with the previous minutes	TfL
2.5	6.1 – Restoration of Kennington Park to remain on the agenda until the NLE is ready to share the proposals	TfL/FLO
2.6	8.2 – A written response to comments on TfL’s proposed monitoring methodology for Kennington Station was provided shortly after July’s meeting. MT mentioned that Florence Eshalomi (Assembly Member Lambeth & Southwark) has raised the expansion of the ticket hall with TfL. Whilst a separate project from the NLE, MT will update the group if there are any updates.	TfL
3.0	Northern Line Extension progress update and presentation	
3.1	AV & MB gave a presentation on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress since last CLG and a three month look ahead • Environmental monitoring • Temporary noise enclosures • ‘You said, we did’ • Engagement opportunities and how to contact us 	
3.2	<i>Progress since last CLG and three month look ahead</i>	
3.3	AV advised that sprayed concrete lining (SCL) tunnelling began since the last CLG. Good progress is being made and we have advanced as	

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	far as De Laune Street.	
3.4	MB explained the process of SCL tunnelling, using images-soft London clay is excavated and then sprayed with concrete. This process is repeated in 1m intervals. Progress is currently averaging 2m/day, with a peak advance rate of 4m/day.	
3.5	Looking ahead, a video was shown on how the step plate junction will be created and how monitoring has been installed to ensure the integrity of the existing Northern line tunnels are not compromised. In the next three months, we will be focusing on exposing the tunnel and creating the loop.	
3.6	RM explained our current environmental performance, showing the locations of noise (red), dust (orange) and continuous (blue) air monitoring locations. Continuous air monitoring sends automatic alerts if there is an issue. In the last three months there have been no noise or dust exceedances. Our dust levels have come close to limits therefore to mitigate this we have briefed the team, put additional ventilation on the acoustic enclosure and increased the frequency of collection of our dust monitoring slides.	
3.7	Cllr EK asked what the impact of these dust levels are on residents. RM said that the maximum levels are set by the Environment Agency and are seen as the point at which dust levels become a nuisance to residents e.g. collection of dust on a windowsill. The collection of real-time data means we can immediately address any issues, such as an issue with our extractor fan. RM confirmed that the dust levels do not present a health risk. BLeg confirmed that the Environment Agency consider dust a nuisance when it reached 50m/grams.	
3.8	SD asked what material the dust contains. RM confirmed it was a combination of background dust and dust from excavated material.	
3.9	SJ mentioned that it is difficult to interpret the noise and dust data as the location names on the graph don't seem to correspond with the map of monitor locations. RM will clarify this information when the minutes go out.	FLO
3.10	SJ asked whether the NLE are fined if noise or dust levels are breached. BL said that if a project consistently breaks noise and dust levels and lots of complaints are received, the Local Authority could take closure action against the worksite. MS asked whether Southwark receive the noise and dust data. BLeg confirmed that they did.	
3.11	MG gave an overview of community feedback over the past three months. Complaint levels remain similar to previous periods; last year complaints were generally related to traffic management, now it is more	

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	regarding noise and vibration. A drop in session was held at Kennington Park on 28 September, with many new faces in attendance. Feedback was generally very positive. SJ asked whether our work was within the permissible noise levels as it seems very noisy at times. MG confirmed that we are within permissible noise levels, however we do expect people to notice noise and vibration at times.	
3.12	Cllr DA was pleased that the drop in sessions were successful. AGM season kicks off soon and Cllr DA is happy to facilitate us tapping into them rather than holding separate meetings if required.	CllrDA
3.13	Cllr DA asked GJ whether he was aware of ant-climb paint being put in Kennington Park. GJ was not aware. CllrDA said it would be good to find out the source of this-it may be a vigilante or well-meaning person.	
3.14	JM mentioned that a recent rave in the area had been very loud. MG said that with 24/7 tunnelling we have a shift change late in the evening and have been impacted by antisocial behaviour. For this reason we now have an all-night driver to take people away after their shift. CllrDA can put us in touch with the local police if required.	Cllr DA
3.15	Cllr DA said that the screens between the dog walking area and tennis courts have disappeared. This is one for Lambeth (Iago Griffith or the Parks Officer).	Lambeth
3.16	Cllr EK raised the issue of HGV using John Ruskin Street, possibly in an attempt to avoid Elephant & Castle. MT confirmed that NLE vehicles do not use John Ruskin Street and NLE-related vehicles should be able to be identified by a sign in the front window. SJ said HGV's are usually travelling from John Ruskin Street and up Kennington Park Road, perhaps as a shortcut from somewhere else-potentially the refuse site.	
3.17	MG Confirmed our working hours were now 24/7 although work outside core hours (08.00-18.00-Mon-Fri and 08.00-13.00 Sat) are limited to tunnelling related works inside the acoustic enclosure. If an out of hours delivery is required, we email residents on our database.	
3.18	MG confirmed that the NLE has successfully applied to Lambeth to allow for weekend deliveries if required, however we currently only plan to use these in exceptional circumstances. We will update the group if this changes.	
4.0	Construction noise	
4.1	MG said we have been getting feedback about out of hours noise. We keep monitoring this and there is nothing to worry about, however it will	

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4.2	<p>be noticeable for a few days under each property as we tunnel under.</p> <p>Cllr EK said that it would be useful to go through the noise data in future CLG's as we have done for the dust data. RM said that information is on our website and there have been no exceedances in the last three months, however he will provide this data. MG also highlighted that we will separately go through the data with residents of 87-89 De Laune Street following concerns. SJ said this is important as there is a lot of work going on underground in that location and it sounds almost like heavy caterpillar wheels on concrete. AV confirmed that we will be in this location for the next 3-4 weeks. MB mentioned the noise being described here is likely to be 'kwika strip' related activities, which is akin to the metal strip with spikes that is used in carpet installation and its used to join two sections of tunnel lining together. MB thanked residents for raising the issue as the project does try to act upon noise complaints where it can. AV mentioned that one of the noisy activities, breaking of the concrete side wall, would be restricted to only being carried out 08:00 and 20:00 every day to help alleviate noise and vibration at night for local residents.</p>	FLO
4.3	<p>MB said residents in de Laune Street may also notice when the permanent cast iron rings are installed as well as noticing when we are breaking out concrete. SJ asked that residents are informed when we get to this stage. MB confirmed that we will do this for people in the step plate junction area who are affected by these works. MG said that we are installing extra monitoring in this location.</p>	TfL/FLO
4.4	<p>MTh updated on tunnel progress-16m at Kennington Park and 24m at Kennington Green. SD asked if anyone on Kennington Park Road is affected; MB confirmed that they were not.</p>	
4.5	<p>Cllr DA asked if the same method will be used to construct the step plate at Kennington Green. MB said the ground type is different so we are still confirming the exact work method. We will update the CLG when this is known.</p>	TfL/FLO
4.6	<p>Cllr DA raised a concern from a different meeting that people feel they can hear the existing Northern line more at the moment. MB said that TfL are undertaking track replacement in around three week's time, which may be related to this. TfL will confirm the date for this replacement.</p>	TfL
4.7	<p>MB said the Night Tube will start on the Northern line on 18 November. Generally trains will not be using the Kennington loop as they are planned to continue to Morden.</p>	
4.8	<p>MG confirmed that defect surveys are all on schedule and the next ones will take place in advance of tunnelling in 2017. Defect surveys</p>	

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4.9	<p>are generally carried out 12-4 weeks before works that may affect them takes place. In addition to this we continually monitor properties we are tunnelling under.</p> <p>SD said that she has been contacted by someone asking whether they can cut back some trees on Kennington Park Road. RM said this to assist with monitoring works.</p>	
5.0	Defect surveys and settlement deeds	
5.1	MG confirmed that all defect surveys are on schedule. The next ones in the Kennington Park area are due in 2017 in relation to the tunnelling works	
5.2	SJ asked if we continually monitor all the properties we are going under. MG confirmed this occurs.	
6.0	Restoration of the park	
6.1	MT said that there's no real update as we're not ready to share the landscaping plans yet. Our remit is to essentially restore the park to its previous state. SJ stated that some people want improvement rather than just restoration. GJ said that Lambeth have almost no maintenance budget, which makes it difficult to manage existing assets, therefore Friends of Kennington Park support nothing extra.	
6.2	Cllr DA suggested that we identify the constraints governing park restoration and draft main governing principles to demonstrate why some items cannot be accommodated.	TfL/FLO
6.3	Cllr EK said moving the dog walking area was something people felt very strongly about.	
6.4	SD asked about the status of the head house at Kennington Park. MT said he had no information on this yet. SD mentioned the dissatisfaction of some residents regarding engagement on the Kennington Green head house and asked that we consult earlier at Kennington Park. Cllr EK said it would be good to start early engagement when the time comes. Cllr DA suggested it would be a good idea to outline some rules of engagement on this so people have an expectation of what to expect.	TfL/FLO

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7.0	Restoration of the wider area	
7.1	Cllr EK said that she has asked Southwark to commit to a traffic management survey for the area around Kennington Station to inform any improvements they could make. They will be consulting on this but are currently just gathering the necessary data. Community members can email Cllr EK if they want to make any comments. Another walk around will be organised with KWNAG and Cllr EK will speak to TfL about this as they manage Kennington Park Road.	Cllr EK
7.2	SJ asked why a crossing has gone in on Kennington Road when repeated calls for a crossing from Kennington Park across Kennington Park Road near Oval have not been progressed. MG said that this was to replace a crossing we previously removed and was requested by residents. The Oval works are a completely different scheme so this request would need to be raised via them.	
7.3	MT highlighted that the NLE traffic management meeting has now evolved into something wider, covering general traffic management across the wider area. These meetings are therefore being led by TfL Streets, with the NLE facilitating in terms of providing a venue and attendance from the project. It is important that Lambeth attend this meeting and they requested the 10am slot, so this is unlikely to move however minutes are sent out of after every meeting.	
8.0	Kennington Station	
8.1	LM said that any proposals to improve Kennington Station fall outside the remit of the NLE. Cllr EK mentioned that condition 19 (monitoring of passenger numbers) was within the NLE's remit. MT said that is true and we are building the extra cross passages to manage the increased interchange that we expect. LM confirmed that we will be formally submitting our monitoring strategy to Southwark shortly.	
8.2	MT said that Florence Eshalomi (Assembly Member Southwark & Lambeth) has raised improvements to Kennington Station with senior people at TfL. MT will update the group if he hears anything further.	MT
8.3	JB commented that residents are looking for good spirit from TfL as even if the station could cope now, the route will eventually extend to Clapham, whereby the station capacity will not be sufficient. LM said that if the Northern line was to extend further in the future then it would have its own business case and processes to ensure capacity was sufficient.	
8.4	Cllr DA asked for this topic to stay on the agenda going forward and for	

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	<p>a medium to long term strategy to be formulated. Cllr DA accepts that TfL believe the station will function adequately with the NLE but feels work is needed to meet the existing extension's demand, especially if the station is moved into Zone 1. Cllr DA understands this would be a separately funded project but is not convinced the current demand figures are suitably evidence based, therefore wants to have TfL's view if demand figures change. LM said this is the key reason for Condition 19.</p> <p>8.5 Cllr EK said that Southwark are consulting the Fire Brigade as concerns remain about evacuating the station quickly in an emergency. KWNAG want the Council to speak to the safety person from the Public Inquiry. BLeg said that Southwark are looking to engage this person.</p> <p>8.6 LM said TfL is just confirming how our monitoring plan will be submitted to Southwark but we will be doing it soon. MS asked is this was also an application for the cross passages. LM said this is just the application for monitoring passenger numbers.</p> <p>8.7 Cllr EK stated that the CLG's a good forum to discuss Kennington Station, however it is difficult to take comfort from current proposals so will wait until feedback is received from the fire brigade.</p> <p>8.8 MB said the additional cross passages at Kennington Station are scheduled for early 2018. MTh said that the NLE is looking to service these work from Underground but customers may see hoardings and they cannot be built without some impacts on the station.</p> <p>8.9 SD said it was surprising that we say travel patterns at Kennington will change due to Crossrail as this does not pass that close to Kennington. LM said there is a complex Londonwide transport model, which shows Crossrail has a substantial effect on passenger movements across London.</p>	Southwark
9.0	Future agenda items	
9.1	An update on the programme of works for the cross passages.	
9.2	JM asked for plans to open the other exit at Kennington Station to be tabled and asked whether this can happen soon as it is a fairly simple scheme.	
9.3	Cllr EK said that a longer term update would also be useful, including the plan for how and when rail will be installed.	
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10.1	Cllr EK said that Kennington Park will hold its annual Remembrance Service at 11am on Sunday 13 November. MB & MTh will ensure that any noisy work is not carried out from 10.30am until after the service has finished and will encourage site staff to attend if they wish to.	TfL/FLO
11	Date of next meeting	
11	The next meeting will be in October.	

Meeting started 18:30 and closed at 20.20
Minutes drafted by MT