

Northern line extension

Kennington Park and Newington Community Liaison Group

12 October 2015
St Agnes Church Hall

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Cllr rep: David Amos (Cllr DA) - chair	LB Lambeth
Cllr rep: Eleanor Kerlake (Cllr EK)	LB Southwark
Officer rep: Iago Griffiths (IG)	LB Lambeth
Officer rep: Bill Legassick (BLeg)	LB Southwark
Alexandra Norrish (AN)	KWNAG
John Bailey (JB)	KWNAG
Lesley Wertheimer (LW)	KWNAG/Bee Urban
Joseph May (JMa)	Kennington Park House
Fred	Kennington Park House
Gordon Johnston (GJ)	Friends of Kennington Park
Cathy Oates (CO)	Transport for London
Sally Vaughan (SV)	St Agnes Place
Mabel Garcia Aranda (MGA)	FLO
Jez Porter (JP)	FLO
Rob McCarthy (RMc)	FLO
Emma Jane Kirtland (EKi)	Transport for London
Michael Tarrega (MT)	Transport for London
Jonathan Cooper (JC)	Transport for London

Melanie Ogden (MO)	Transport for London
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Apologies: Katie-Jane Kyte, Bob Lentell

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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	Agreed Cllr EK would chair this meeting.	
1.3	Introductions done with apologies from those above.	
2.0	Minutes of the previous meeting held 24.06.2015	
2.1	JB asked if the restoration of the park was going to be discussed at this meeting. Cllr EK confirmed this was part of the second item of the agenda.	
2.2	JB also wanted to confirmation of the cameras on the yellow box item 10.1. Cllr EK said they were not on the agenda but she could take a specific question when taking about traffic management.	
2.3	LW noted an error on the 11.1 said 37, she corrected and confirm she said 27.	
2.4	All agreed that apart from the above minutes are accurate.	
3.0	Northern line extension progress report and presentation	
3.1	Cllr EK asked FLO and TfL to keep the presentation high level and proposed get to the end of a topic and then questions JP gave a progress update including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NLE Timeline • Summary update since June CLG • Lookahead summary • Acoustic Enclosure 	
3.2	LW argued that there were no windows on the Kennington Park hoarding and stated that this makes everybody suspicious of what is happening inside. She reminded that there are windows at the Elephant and Castle sites. JP	

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	reiterated that FLO is looking to install windows on the hoardings and at some point they will be looking to bring people on site tours, although not on regular basis.	Flo
3.3	Cllr DA said he was pleased to hear about the temporary noise enclosure, and asked if this was something that was decided to do at a later stage or was it planned , and secondly could JP explain how much of the noise will the enclosure reduce. JP explained the tunnelling work needs to be operating on a 24/7 or 24/5 basis and therefore the noise levels after core hours would exceed thresholds so the enclosure is necessary. EK clarified that acoustic enclosures were mentioned in the TWAO, so it is not a new mitigation. RM explained that FLO have engaged with a specialist noise consultant, and are in the process of obtaining exact details about how much noise will be reduced.	
3.4	AN asked for clarification that noise levels outside core hours would be above the levels within the CoCP. She asked if the acoustic shed would mean noise levels are within the limits that were agreed to which JP responded yes. Cllr EK asked for an action on FLO to update on the next CLG about the levels of noise with the acoustic enclosure and how much exactly they are reduced.	FLO
3.5	<p>JC gave an update on the project including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback Received • Engagement Opportunities • Ways of contacting NLE 	
3.6	<p>LW asked how many local residents were employed at the NLE. MGA responded that four weekly meetings are being held with the local boroughs along with the local job brokerages to ensure opportunities not only for employment for small business are advertised in advance to the local communities. MGA confirmed there are three traffic marshals working on site from the local boroughs although she did not have the full details on employment, she confirmed the office administrator at Montford place is a resident from Wandsworth who joined through Route Into Work. <i>Post meeting note: The correct organisation is Work match.</i> MGA confirmed the catering companies at Nine Elms and Battersea sites are local as are the cleaning companies, MGA explained the process of meetings with the local boroughs and how these meetings aim to announce in advance of any opportunities arising so the boroughs can prepare. She also pointed that the level of</p>	

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	<p>speciality of the required jobs makes the process challenging. MGA confirmed 5 students from Wandsworth Ernest Bevin College completed a 2 week period work experience within the NLE project. Cllrs DA requested this information is available in future meetings and both councillors recommended the construction centre at Lambeth. MGA asked anyone with contact details or anything that could help the process to please get in touch Cllrs DA asked to check with him that we have the details for the latest residents associations Southwark and Lambeth to also to do the same</p>	<p>FLO</p> <p>FLO</p>
<p>4.0</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p>	<p>Traffic management and parking</p> <p>JMa raised that the traffic along Delaune St is chaotic and people have regular fights and shouting, antisocial behaviour. JC said this is something TfL can go and look at.</p> <p>Cllr EK requested an update on traffic. EKi confirmed since the last CLG, traffic management has taken a lot of the focus to make sure the NLE are much more coordinated with other schemes in the area. EKi offered for the group to come and have a look at a map showing the overall schemes in the area. EKi confirmed final traffic management set up is now in place and confirmed that the junction can be viewed by the existing cameras. EKi stated that as with any other cameras around London they are used as ad hoc if anything in particular happens and also they serve as enforcement the rest of the time. EKi confirmed that a safety audit has also taken place and explained that the way they are monitoring the reinforcement needed in the area is by the number of complaints and this has significantly decreased in the last month or so in the Kennington area, but the request for additional on the ground reinforcement is something that TfL can look at.</p> <p>AN thanked EKi for taking away residents requests and pointed that the drop on number of complaints is not representative of the improvement on service. EKi asked the attendants if more reinforcement on the ground would improve the situation to which everyone agreed yes. EKi said she cannot promise anything but would request it. Cllr EK thanked EKi for that and asked to have an update on concerns raised a Delaune Street. Cllr EK suggested that TfL and the boroughs should review</p>	<p>TfL / FLO</p> <p>TfL</p>

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4.4	<p>the long term effects of the project and she would discuss with Cllr Mark Williams.</p> <p>Cllr EK asked if there are any traffic management changes forecast for the next two months. JP advised that FLO is looking to complete the majority of the utilities works and that the traffic management would be variable, though the average expectation for number of vehicles a day would be around 40. JC reiterated the gas works are coming to an end shortly.</p>	
4.5	<p>Cllr DA reiterated to not make headlines with “decrease of complaints”, and noted people get tired at complaining and we must assume the level of concerns is persisting. Cllr DA related he had his first traffic management inspection around Kennington Cross and a number of actions have come from this. Cllr DA again called for the need of coordination amongst all schemes in the area. EKi asked when this meeting took place and Cllr DA confirmed it was on the last week and offered to pass the details to EK if she wanted to link on that.</p>	
5.0	Defect surveys, settlement deeds and monitoring	
5.1	<p>EKi updated on settlement deeds and confirmed that letters and settlement deeds have been sent for those properties affected by piling at Kennington Park. EKi explained that after you have received your letter and you have received your signed deed back, you will also receive your defect survey. This will be followed by a similar process to those properties affected by excavation, early in the new year. Settlement contours have not changed and EKi confirmed CPM Surveys is progressing with surveys as planned.</p>	
5.2	<p>JC advised that monitoring is already taking place at locations and selected buildings to record any movement from any of our construction works. JP added on the noise that NLE is within the predicted data.</p>	
5.3	<p>AN noted that her property hadn't had a survey, and enquired where the piling is taking place. JC confirmed piling is taking place west of the lodge site and explained from how the piles are cast and the ground is supported by the secant walls where concrete is poured down before the cast comes out, so no or very little settlement is produced from piling. AN enquired which properties are then affected by piling, and stated she is confused because her property</p>	

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	<p>is within the 1mm contour and she was surprised that she hasn't had the survey. AN stated that she has emailed enquiring about her defect survey taking place and the response she got was the piling had no impact on any kind of settlement and reiterated that she is confused by the information shared in this meeting. JC confirmed that the piling is not predicted to cause settlement however the project have been undertaking surveys to those more immediate properties adjacent to the site and confirmed that she should not worry if she hadn't had a survey yet she should have one very shortly. AN enquired for the numbers of the properties that have had a survey done in advance of the piling works. EKi agreed that we could share with AN and committed to come back to her. AN reiterated her concerns about noise and settlement occurring to her property and not having received a defect survey yet.</p>	<p>FLO</p>
<p>5.4</p>	<p>RMc explained that vibration monitoring had been installed before main works started and in the Bishop nursery and confirmed that to date FLO have not received any data of having experienced any significant levels of vibration due to the works.</p>	
<p>5.5</p>	<p>Cllr EK asked BL to give an update on Kennington Park House. BL confirmed that Southwark surveyors are happy with the survey that had been carried to the Bishop House Nursery which is a listed building. BL confirmed the case is with LB Southwark insurance after receiving an email from FLO explaining that because the Kennington Park House building is outside the area of influence from settlement, they are not proposing to carry any surveys. BL explained that because of the concerns of the residents he had passed the case through LB Southwark Housing repairs contact and LB Southwark is seeking further clarification. BL and Cllr EK to confirm with the Kennington Park House TRA if the Council would be buying their own survey and will update on that and follow up if any contributions will be requested.</p>	<p>LB Southwark</p>
<p>5.6</p>	<p>Cllr EK asked if individuals would like to carry their own survey what are the steps. EKi confirmed that individuals who wish to undertake their own survey are entitled to do so at their own cost, however subsequently to this they must raise to TfL attention that they believe their property is damaged as a consequence of the NLE, TfL would have to investigate this and would take into account the survey that was done they are likely to be bound by this survey.</p>	

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5.7	<p>Cllr EK asked if the residents would be allowed to contact the same company that is undertaking surveys for the NLE to which EK confirmed yes. MT and MGA confirmed they can contact CPM and MGA took an action to pass CPM contact details.</p> <p>JB pointed to the location of the Kennington Park House building and its proximity to the NLE works and requested that for the future it would be best practice to go around and survey adjacent properties as a general rule. JB stated that the Bishop House nursery has been looked at because it is a listed building but for as a norm it should be done as a layman's rule to all adjacent properties. JC agreed that this is something TfL can look at having done in future projects. Cllr EK reiterated even if it is a psychological thing and we have been reiterated that the piling will have no effect on the properties, people are concerned when construction is happening right outside. JC reiterated that TfL will look into any claim made as a potential consequence of the NLE works.</p>	FLO
6.0	Construction Noise	
6.1	<p>RMc confirmed FLO have been monitoring the piling works and the Section 61 thresholds for piling works have not been exceeded, and so the predictions were accurate. FLO will continue monitoring all works. With respect to working hours, FLO will continue to work in accordance with the CoCP B and are making best endeavours to not start early on Saturday morning as we understand the sensitivity of the time and for the moment we are not undertaking piling activities on Saturday. RMc said he hoped there has been not too much noise on Saturdays. JP noted that FLO might need to work on piling on Saturdays</p>	
7.0	Dust	
7.1	<p>RMc advised the completion of the worksites is helping to the control of the dust and FLO is undertaking best practical means and monitoring at a number of locations. RMc noted that it is the control of dust on site is what the project is focused in terms of dust mitigation.</p>	
7.2	<p>AN enquired about where the results of the monitoring are published. RMc confirmed they are not published, but are shared with TfL and the local authorities which are the</p>	

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	<p>regulators. EKi advised this matter was discussed at the last Borough Liaison meeting and TfL is discussing how best undertake the sharing of this data and in what level of details, at it needs to be useful. AN noted that normally environmental report data is “diabolically” complicated this is a matter that has been discussed in the past regarding putting data onto the website in the interest of transparency and reassuring people, in a simplified and manageable way. EKi asked for an action to NLE to produce something that they feel would be manageable and right to share and pass this to local authority officers to seek for feedback and go from there.</p> <p>BL took and action to set up a meeting with the rest of the boroughs to comment on the topic.</p>	<p>TfL / Flo</p> <p>LB Southwark</p>
9.0	Restoration of the Park	
9.1	<p>MT advised that TfL is going to hold further engagement on the restoration of the park. MT noted the commitment to restoring the park to its previous state and TfL will be presenting some detailed design based on the initial designs put on the TWAO and they will be some opportunities and constraints to discuss. MT reminded the group that LB Lambeth is the decision making body for the final design. NLE will be looking to do that in the new year. The engagement session is forecasted to take place in early November and submission to the council in the new year. MT advised the group they will be contacted in due course for the engagement. JB said that FLO agreed to come back with plans for the restoration of the neighbourhood and we have been discussing at the Core meeting. JP noted that there has been focus on KG at the moment.</p>	TfL / FLO
9.2	<p>JC queried what ‘restoration of the neighbourhood’ means and JB said one of the things the community pushed through the enquiry is that things are not just put back again and that they will not be only considerations with the Friends of Kennington Park. JB noted that there are things that are very unpleasant, like parking and noise. JB said it would be marvellous if TfL had a plan to work with the councils to not only restore but improve the area.</p>	
9.3	<p>EKi advised that FLO is planning to undertake some community landscaping plans at Nine Elms and advised that it would be nice to receive proposals.</p> <p>GJ noted without undermining the residents he understood</p>	

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	<p>the commitment is to reinstate the park to the previous state. He advised that it is understood that money is a consideration. MT noted that as well as engaging with him and members of the Friend of Kennington Park, TfL needs to consider the feedback of the wider community to represent and reminded that it is LB Lambeth who the final approval body and they will consider matters like maintenance and security and therefore TfL must ensure they not submit anything that goes totally against this principles and we will hopefully we will come back with a scheme that works for all.</p>	TfL / FLO
9.4	<p>LW noted that the Green Flag scheme trains people to improve their parks. LW advised that Bee Urban have got an award from Green Flag.</p>	
9.5	<p>AN responded to GJ point of not putting anything in the park that is impossible to maintain, but there is a distinction to an unique opportunity to what the Northern line extension leave in place and it could be something that otherwise might not have been considered e.g. an embellishment that the community can look after thereafter. JC and MT reiterated that these are the kind of matters that we would discuss at the engagement with residents. LW asked for the trees to be replaced with pollinators. EKi advised that the project would look at what was specified at the original enquiry as TfL needs to honour this process as they were specific requests to what was reinstated.</p>	
9.6	<p>Cllr EK asked if there were plans to hold the remembrance ceremony to take place at Kennington Park and GJ confirmed that yes it will go ahead in November</p>	
9.7	<p>MGA reiterated that comments and feedback is sought ahead of the Kennington Park re-landscaping engagement exercise in November. LW asked if the plans of the area in question can be shared with residents, and pointed FLO have taken away trees in the area. JC clarified that the area to reinstate is exactly the area surrounded by the hoardings and doesn't include areas outside the hoardings. LW stated that a lot of people would want the head house hidden. AN asked if the dog walking area is going to be moved back to its original location and noted there would be then constraints to what can realistically be done if the area is to be used as a dog walking. EKi advised if LB Lambeth is happy to keep the dog walking on a different area after the NLE project is finished, then TfL</p>	

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	would have not issue with this and ensuring there is an engagement with residents about where would they like to be. LW suggested to consult with the dog walking group. Cllr EK mentioned the survey this group did about the location. LW noted that there are still a lot of people who use the park different from the walking area	
9.8	SV asked about the old bee lodge and JC confirmed the lodge is gone and the new building will be built within the footprint of the old bee keeping ground	
9.9	Cllr EK asked about information on the old passenger count at Kennington Station. EKi advised that TfL had submitted a draft of the monitoring methodology to LB Southwark and have come back with comments for clarification. Once this is completed, it will be resubmitted for the discharge of the condition 19 to Southwark.	
9.10	Cllr EK noted that during the consultation one of the main concerns was Health and Safety at Kennington Station and noted that it will be very helpful to have more details on the next meeting. EKi said she can table the document at the next meeting. Cllr EK enquired about the need of being able to evacuate the station within 10 minutes and AN advised that would be challenging accounting there is only one set of spiral staircase and advised the place is dangerous.	
9.11	EKi noted that if the expected number of passengers moving towards in the station increases by over 10% then there will be a recheck of the existing H&S. JB noted this is the only underground station with no smoke free access from platform to street level. Cllr EK asked what are the next steps in case the expectations are exceeded. EKi noted this would be outline on the document submitted to LB Southwark. BL read condition 19. JM advised that the community needs a new station. EKi noted that this is not part of the current NLE scheme. Cllr EK noted that this was widely discussed at the consultation and advised that the question about whether the existing extension is efficient is still live.	
10	Date of future meetings	
10.1	Mid –late January 2016	

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Minutes of Kennington Park and Newington CLG 12.10.15

Meeting started 19.04 and closed at 20.15.
Minutes drafted by MGA