

Northern line extension

Kennington Park and Newington Community Liaison Group

10 March 2016
Durning Library

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Cllr rep: David Amos (Cllr DA)	LB Lambeth
Cllr rep: Eleanor Kerlake (Cllr EK) - chair	LB Southwark
Officer rep: Iago Griffiths (IG)	LB Lambeth
John Bailey (JB)	KWNAG
Joseph May (JM)	Kennington Park House
Gordon Johnston (GJ)	Friends of Kennington Park
Andrew Fletcher (AF)	FLO
Jez Porter (JP)	FLO
Rob McCarthy (RMc)	FLO
Lochlan Macaulay (LM)	Transport for London
Michael Tarrega (MTa)	Transport for London
Katie-Jane Kyte (KK)	Transport for London
Mark Thompson (MTh)	Transport for London
Julie Christakis (JC)	Transport for London

Apologies: Bill Legassick, Bob Lentell, Alexandra Norrish, Lynda Haddock, Sian Rebourg, Jonathan Cooper

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1.0	Election of Chair	
1.1	The chairing of the meeting takes place on a rotating basis between	

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	councillors representing Lambeth and Southwark.	
1.2	Cllr EK chaired this meeting.	
1.3	Introductions done with apologies from those above.	
2.0	Minutes of the previous meeting on 10 January 2016	
2.1	Meeting minutes agreed as accurate.	
3.0	Northern Line Extension progress update and presentation	
3.1	<p>JP gave a presentation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress since last CLG and a three month lookahead • Environmental monitoring • Temporary noise enclosures • 'You said, we did' • Engagement opportunities and how to contact us <p>JP reported that the piling works (340 piles) are now completed and thanked the residents for their patience during these works. Excavation for the shaft and construction of the capping beam has now started, with the installation of 12 dewatering wells.</p> <p><i>Thames Water works</i></p>	
3.2	<p>JP advised that Thames Water will be starting sewer works in the near future and AF reiterated that information had been sent out that week to all residents, with further detail to be given when available. Cllr EK queried whether these were new works that the NLE had only just become aware of the JP advised that the team liaise closely with Thames Water but has only just learnt the details. Cllr EK questioned how disruptive the works will be, AF advised that Thames Water will be going in through the man holes and there will be some traffic management in place. JP advised that Thames Water are also reviewing the trunk main valves in the area which could be a significant piece of work but there is no further detail on these potential works at this time.</p> <p><i>Acoustic enclosure</i></p>	
3.3	<p>JP advised that the acoustic enclosure will be erected in April to attenuate the noise from the shaft excavation and most importantly the 24/7 working to construct the SCL tunnels. They will also be used to mitigate the noise from the removal of the tunnel boring machines (TBMs). JP advised that removal and delivery of materials will be done during core hours unless otherwise notified however workers will be coming and going to their shifts.</p>	

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3.4	<p><i>Defect surveys</i></p> <p>JP reported that Phase 2 of the works is now beginning i.e. the excavation of the shaft, therefore the team will be contacting residents in the zone of influence for the excavation regarding defect surveys for the properties.</p>	
3.5	<p><i>Noise and dust monitoring</i></p> <p>JP advised that the noise monitoring reports are on the NLE website for the community to view. RMc noted that there have been 17 dust exceedances at sensors within the site but none on the dust slides outside the site i.e. at residences. JM advised that local residents are concerned about dust but he will report this information back and he thanked AF for visiting Kennington Park House that week to talk to residents. JP advised that dust is being controlled with water suppression.</p>	
3.6	<p>RMc advised that there was one occurrence of the Section 61 noise level being exceeded at sensor R3 at St Agnes Place but this remained below the trigger level within the NLE Construction Noise and Vibration Mitigation Scheme. Cllr DA stated that the noise reports and the information given in the CLG presentation are both very useful and asked for dates to be included on the X-axis on the presentation information (RMc advised that they are included in the noise reports online)</p>	FLO
3.7	<p>MTh reminded the group that this is data for throughout the piling works which are noisy works and Cllr EK queried how the works going forward will compare to this. RMc advised that the predictions are done on a six monthly basis however the team review and revise based on actual outcomes when necessary, looking to improve on both the predictions and the noise mitigations at all times. RMc advised that the noise levels are likely to come down as the piling works have completed. Cllr EK questioned how many exceedances are allowed. MTh read from the NLE Construction Noise and Vibration Mitigation Scheme which states, 'a period of 10 or more days of working in any 15 consecutive days, a period of 3 or more nights of working in any 7 consecutive nights; or for a total of 40 days or more in any 6 consecutive months'. Copies of the Scheme were available at the meeting and the group were invited to take a copy. Cllr DA questioned whether the data shown is average over the day, as Saturday is a shorter working day yet the noise levels are very similar to other full working days in the week. RMc advised that this is correct and the data is averaged over the day.</p>	
3.8	<p>JB noted that the entrance and exit to the acoustic enclosure will be</p>	

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	<p>opposite St Agnes Place and asked whether, if the project was starting again, anything would be done differently to try to minimise disruption any further. JP advised that the layout of the acoustic enclosure is governed by the layout of the shaft, reminding the group that the mitigation of overnight noise is the primary driver for erecting the enclosure. MT acknowledged the disturbance to residents, adding that if the project was in planning stage again he would advise that the layout was bigger as the site is very constrained.</p>	
	<p><i>Restoration of the Park</i></p>	
3.9	<p>JP advised that the design work is ongoing and thanked residents for their feedback, adding that the project will be coming back with the final design in due course.</p>	
	<p><i>School engagement</i></p>	
3.10	<p>AF reported that the team has been to Kennington Park Academy recently and given a presentation about the project, with a view to this being one of the schools to take part in the TBM naming competition later in the Spring. AF added that we will also be doing presentations on site and road safety as well as career talks. JB stated that it is very positive that the NLE is engaging with this school and Cllr DA added that if any other contacts are required he and Cllr EK can provide these. Cllr EK advised that she has introduced FLO's Sian Rebourg and a LB Southwark council officer regarding schools in the area.</p> <p><i>You said, we did...</i></p>	
3.11	<p>JP advised that the white lines on the speed bumps on Kennington Park Place will be painted back on in due course however there will be a need to work around the Thames Water activities.</p>	
	<p><i>Working hours</i></p>	
3.12	<p>JP advised that the working hours at 08:00-18:00 Monday to Friday, 08:00-13:00 on Saturday. This is prior to 24/7 working on the SCL tunnelling works. JP added that at times the works may overrun if a concrete pour needs to be completed and these are being notified to residents and the local authorities. Cllr EK questioned why there are so many overruns and AF advised that there are only a finite amount of concrete batching plants in London but there are a lot of construction projects in the same phase of construction at the moment. AF reiterated that the concrete pours must be completed to ensure the structural integrity of the pile. MTh advised that once the acoustic enclosure is erected there will be a batching plant on site and therefore the NLE team are more in control of the operation. Cllr EK asked if therefore there should be less overruns and AF agreed that this should</p>	

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3.13	<p>be case once the enclosure is erected however he acknowledged that it is frustrating for residents.</p> <p>Cllr DA acknowledged that the team has been using best endeavours to maintain a 'quiet hour' on Saturday mornings but questioned whether this was the commitment previously made; Cllr EK said it was not but this is where we are now. JP stated that the team are endeavouring to keep to this but it has not been possible at all times in order to keep the piling programme on schedule. JP advised that non-noisy maintenance works are also permitted on Saturday afternoons and Sundays but the community will be notified when these are intended to be used. Cllr EK questioned whether Bank Holidays are normal working days on the site and JP advised that they are not; RMc added that the site will be shut for four days over the Easter period.</p> <p><i>Step Plate Junction works</i></p>	
3.14	<p>MTh stated that in the June/July CLG he will do a full presentation on the tunnelling and Step Plate Junction works. This will include a technical view of the works, the timescales and the challenges. Cllr EK questioned whether these works will be quieter than the piling and MTh advised that they would be but there will still be deliveries coming to site. JB queried when the extended hours will begin and JP advised it will be in June. JB queried the direction of the tunnelling and MT advised that the shaft will be excavated and a reception chamber for the TBM built which will extend a short way back into the Park. The tunnelling will then commence under Bishops House Nursery and De Laune Street towards Kennington station where it will tie in to the Kennington Loop. JB questioned the timescales and MTh advised he would give a full update at the next meeting but the Step Plate Junction works specifically will be done in Christmas 2017. LM advised that during this time the Northern line will continue to run. JB stated that residents on De Laune Street are concerned and welcomed the full presentation at the next meeting.</p>	TfL / FLO
4.0	Defect surveys, settlement deeds and monitoring	
4.1	<p>AF advised that residents will start to receive letters shortly regarding defect surveys for the shaft excavation and then tunnelling works. Cllr EK questioned when the letters for those affected by the tunnelling will go out and AF advised it will be in June.</p>	
4.2	<p>LM advised that there will also be letters distributed regarding the General Vesting Declaration (GVD) of the subsoil TfL is purchasing in order to construct the tunnels. The GVD is a legal mechanism and residents will receive a £50 payment for this subsoil. Cllr EK asked that the timings are carefully considered for this as residents may panic if they get the GVD letter before they receive a letter advising about</p>	

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	getting a defect survey. LM agreed and advised he would look into this. MTh advised that the timescales do not always match perfectly and Cllr EK asked that therefore the GVD letter mentions that the resident will be receiving a defect survey.	TfL / FLO
5.0	Construction noise	
5.1	Cllr EK questioned when the works will be done to Bishops House Nursery and MTh advised that these secondary glazing works were completed last year.	
5.2	Cllr EK raised a concern that residents who do not come to the CLG may not have enough information about the Construction Noise and Vibration Mitigation Scheme or how to contact the project if they have a concern. AF advised that the project is careful not to set a precedent by advising people that they might be eligible when they is a strict criteria to be met. KK advised that the quarterly newsletter will direct residents to the Scheme on the NLE website. Cllr EK stated that the worst scenario would be for people to be suffering when they may be eligible and all agreed.	
5.3	RMc reminded the group that the acoustic enclosure will mitigate the noise levels people will now be experiencing and advised that he has a demonstration of the noise attenuation for the group to listen to through headphones after the meeting.	
6.0	Restoration of the Park – update	
6.1	JP reiterated that the design process is ongoing.	
6.2	IG stated that from LB Lambeth’s point of view the Friends of Kennington Park group must be consulted and LB Lambeth but not be left with the financial burden of maintaining a complex scheme. GJ agreed that this should be a case and added that TfL should not leave anything behind which is excessive, Cllr DA adding it should not cause immediate cost and revenue consequences.	
6.3	Cllr EK queried whether LB Lambeth are consulting on whether to continue having events in the Park during the NLE works. IG advised that LB Lambeth would still like to use the rest of the Park for events. Cllr EK stated that big events involving loud music may not be appropriate given the noise residents are currently experiencing from the construction works and JM agreed that big music events are not appropriate for a Park in a residential area. Cllr EK also raised safety concerns with gathering people so close to a construction site.	
7.0	Restoration of the wider area	

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7.1	Cllr EK advised that concerns have been raised regarding the state of the local roads and 'rat running' due to the ongoing construction works in the area (not just the NLE works) and LB Southwark officers are looking at this. Following a joint LB Southwark/Lambeth walkabout there is also a concern that the roads around Kennington station are becoming an accident hot-spot and Cllr EK would like TfL to work with LB Southwark to look into this. KK suggested that a colleague from TfL Surface Transport comes to the next CLG and Cllr DA agreed that it should be a joint LB Southwark/LB Lambeth/TfL initiative and asked IG to pick this up for LB Lambeth.	TfL
7.2	JB stated that local resident groups and the local authorities should have a back up plan or 'wish list' ready in case there is any money available for the wider area.	
8.0	Site hoardings – update	
8.1	MTa apologised that this has not yet been resolved and thanked residents for their very helpful feedback on the poster selections. MTA advised that TfL Corporate Strategy are launching a new hoarding plan in order to standardise hoardings across the works which is not appropriate for Kennington Park but does therefore mean that there is some resistance to proposing a different scheme. MTA advised that he is attending a meeting next week to report back the community views and hopes for a positive outcome and sensible solution for all, thanking the group for their patience. JB stated that the rhetoric at the Public Inquiry was that there would be community artwork on the hoardings and they would not be used for TfL marketing or branding. MTA agreed that corporate branding is not appropriate in this location. GJ stated that the Friends of Kennington Park group are happy with the hoardings as they currently are and sees no need to change them. GJ also asked for the poster selections to be sent to him again and he would return comments. JB agreed that the hoardings should stay as they are and added that they are free from graffiti whereas anything with TfL branding on may not stay that way.	TfL
9.0	Kennington Station Condition 19	
9.1	LM advised that Condition 19 has been sent to residents for comment before being issued to LB Southwark for approval and to discharge the condition. JB stated that KWNAG will be returning comments but they are not positive, adding that the report does not go far enough. JB stated that Kennington Station is the only deep line interchange station with no smoke-free access and with the NLE and overcrowding this will only get worse. JB stated that there needs to be active monitoring of crowding and the report is too passive. LM advised that TfL does have a wealth of data from Oyster card readings and that is active monitoring but acknowledged the comments and asked that they are	

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	sent to the NLE inbox (NLE@tfl.gov.uk) to be reviewed with the TfL Traffic Modelling team.	
9.2	Cllr EK advised that she has provided comments and stated that this is the number one long term concern for the area. Cllr EK stated that the report is not substantial as it does not call for an updated safety plan or independent evaluation of the data collected. Cllr EK questioned what role LB Southwark will play in this and LM advised that the planning officers will approve the Condition to be discharged; this will happen within the next three months. Cllr EK stated that a separate meeting will need to be had before the next CLG to discuss Condition 19 specifically. LB advised that TfL have very rigorous standards regarding crowding and access and Cllr EK acknowledged this but stated that no one wants Kennington Station to keep closing like other crowded stations on the LU network.	
9.3	Cllr EK queried what is meant in Commitment 8 Improvements at Kennington Station regarding a new exit route. LM stated that TfL intend to progress a scheme at Kennington Station but this will not form a part of the NLE works and at this time no further details are available. JB questioned whether this scheme would be step free and LB stated this has been considered. JB queried whether it would include a smoke-free scheme, which up until now TfL has not reviewed however the NLE would change the operation of the station. Cllr EK stated that the local authorities need to review this also as it is a concern.	
9.4	JB stated that if the NLE were to extend further on to Clapham Junction this would make the situation at Kennington Station even worse. LM advised that there are no plans currently to extend to Clapham Junction.	
10	Review of the operation of the CLGs	
10.1	KK asked the group whether they have any comments on how the CLGs have been in this cycle.	
10.2	Cllr EK questioned whether the Kennington Park House clubroom could be used as a venue but both KK and JM advised that it cannot be. JB suggested Amicis café and KK advised that the Kennington Green CLG is held there so this would be an option for a future venue. Cllr EK suggested the British Legion also.	
10.3	IG suggested that the meeting could start at 18:30 as residents do not use the public surgery time before the main meeting. Cllrs DA and EK agreed that this could be the case going forward and both expressed a preference for a Monday night meeting in this case. Cllr DA stated that there should still be the option for residents to come and speak 1:1 with the NLE team and AF advised that there is an open door policy and the	

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	community are encouraged to get in touch.	
10.4	JP advised that this will be his last CLG as he is leaving the NLE.	
11.	Future agenda items	
11.1	<p>Future agenda items are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step Plate Junction and tunnelling presentation <p>All agreed that 'Restoration of the wider area' and 'Kennington Station' should be recurring agenda items.</p> <p>TfL to provide an update at the next meeting on Kennington station safety and plans going forward.</p>	TfL
10.0	Future meetings	
10.1	The next meeting will be held at the end of June.	

Meeting started 19.05 and closed at 20.35
 Minutes drafted by KK