



Northern Line Extension Kennington Park and Newington Community Liaison Group

Thursday 17 January 2019
The Royal British Legion Club, 34 Gaza Street, London, SE17 3RD

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Carla Arnold (CA)	FLO – NLE
Matt Brinklow (MB)	FLO – NLE
Marietta Crichton Stuart (MCS)	Friends of Kennington Park
Mel Cullinan (MC)	KWNAG
Michael Flynn (MF)	TfL
Enrique Garcia (EG)	FLO – NLE
Anna Hladkyj (AH)	TfL
Gordon Johnston (GJ)	Friends of Kennington Park
Cllr Eleanor Kerlake – CHAIR	LB Southwark
Joseph May (JM)	Kennington Park House
Mark Walker (MW)	Minute-taker
Judith Weir (JW)	De Laune Street
Lesley Wertheimer (LW)	Bee Urban / KWNAG
Kwok Yau (KY)	TfL

	Item	Action
1.0	Introductions and apologies	
1.1	Welcome and introduction from Michael Flynn (MF), who advised that Cllr Eleanor Kerlake (Cllr EK) is due to arrive shortly and will chair the meeting. MF suggested running through the minutes of the previous CLG.	
2.0	Minutes of the previous meeting – accuracy and matters arising	
2.1	Regarding matters arising from the previous meeting, Marietta Crichton Stuart (MCS) advised she is not aware of being provided with any information relating to the reinstatement of the dog-walking area in Kennington Park (point 2.8). MF responded to advise this point will be covered during today's meeting.	

2.2	MCS advised she did not receive any further information regarding volunteering opportunities as part of FLO's 'sustainability week' (point 3.12). Matt Brinklow (MB) advised this information was provided and the volunteering was arranged.	
2.3	MCS advised she did not receive any further details regarding planting in the Park (point 3.15). MB confirmed this will be covered in today's progress presentation.	
2.4	Lesley Wertheimer (LW) advised that regarding point 6.7 of the previous meeting, Bob Lentell has received no further contact. MF advised this was an action for Cllr Coldwell. LW asked if Cllr Coldwell is attending tonight's meeting. MF understands that Cllr EK will be attending in his place.	
2.5	MF asked if everyone is happy with the accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting. No objections received.	
3.0	NLE progress update and presentation including a summary of work completed since October and a look ahead to the next three months	
3.1	<u>Progress update – presentation by Enrique Garcia (EG), FLO</u>	
3.2	LW asked what size trees will be planted. Carla Arnold (CA) confirmed the Black Mulberries will be 4m high and English Oaks will be 4.5m high. AH confirmed these sizes will be the height at time of planting.	
3.3	MCS asked if the project consulted with Trees for Cities regarding the planting/landscaping plans. MB confirmed that consultation did take place, however he is unsure who with.	
3.4	MCS commented that the tree types referred to in today's presentation differ from those included in the original consultation. MB confirmed the tree selection was agreed with relevant council staff.	
3.5	MCS would like to know which organisations were consulted with and whether tree guards will be used to protect the new trees.	
3.6	Judith Weir (JW) enquired what type of English Oak will be planted and whether they will be evergreen, as she is concerned the trees could form quite a dark presence in the Park. LW explained there are 37 types of English Oak.	
3.7	MCS asked if the dog-walking area will be gated upon reinstatement. MCS would also like to know if the Head House will be located within a gated area.	
3.8	Cllr EK understands there will be a full reinstatement of the Park and that it will not be possible for the public to get anywhere near the Head House.	

3.9	MCS believes it would be unsafe to have dogs running around near the Head House, as there is a parking area and space allocated for fire engines etc to use in the event of an emergency. MCS would like to know who is going to be responsible for grass cutting and maintenance of the trees for the first three years.	
3.10	On the basis that construction of the Head House will not commence until early summer, MCS would like to know if the project is running behind at Kennington Park. CA advised this will be covered during tonight's meeting. NB: EG's presentation included a slide focused on the current timeline for work at Kennington Park.	
3.11	<u>Complaints and enquiries update – presentation by Carla Arnold (CA), FLO</u>	
3.12	CA advised there has been just one case raised in relation to Kennington Park between October 2018 and January 2019. This related to an idling truck in Kennington Park Place that was not related to the project.	
3.13	CA requested the community channels all enquiries and complaints to the NLE email address or Helpline. This ensures all are dealt with efficiently and are assigned a case number.	
3.14	<u>Environmental update – presentation by Matt Brinklow (MB), FLO</u>	
3.15	<u>Community Engagement and NLE skills and employment – presentation by Carla Arnold (CA), FLO</u>	
3.16	CA confirmed the presentations from tonight's meeting will be uploaded to the TfL website.	
3.17	EK commented that there has been quite a lot of coverage in the press recently about a delay to the project. MF responded to advise TfL will be giving an update for the entire project soon. The current programme for this worksite is the one that FLO/TfL are working to; the issues relate to changes in the OSD at Battersea and are not expected to impact on Kennington Park, however TfL will provide an update soon.	
3.18	Cllr EK asked if the major works impacting this area will be finished by the end of this year. CA confirmed this to be correct.	
4.0	Kennington Station	
4.1	Cllr EK asked if any delay will affect the planned rezoning of Kennington Station. MF responded to advise that TfL put forward a proposal that Kennington Station would be rezoned as Zone One/Two once the NLE is operational. This proposal still needs to be agreed by train operating companies as it does not just impact the TfL network.	

4.2	Joseph May (JM) asked when the new passageways at Kennington Station will start being used. AH confirmed these are intended to cope with extra demand from passengers interchanging at Kennington Station once the NLE is operational, however there has been some discussion about possibly opening them sooner.	
4.3	JM asked what else is being done to improve Kennington Station. Cllr EK commented that there is a long-term major concern amongst residents about the safety of Kennington Station. It is already packed at rush hour and will soon have another busy line running into it.	
4.4	Kwok Yau (KY) advised that TfL is unable to do anything further to improve the station currently. AH advised TfL is currently reviewing tenders for the design of smoke doors, for installation at Kennington Station.	
4.5	LW commented that at a recent community meeting attended by Neil Coyle MP, TfL spoke about a smoke-protected area being required at Kennington Station, plus fire doors and ventilation.	
4.6	AH advised that the smoke doors will provide additional time for evacuation and will be installed for the opening of the NLE.	
4.7	Cllr EK advised TfL has previously spoken about sharing the safety case for the station. If the design of the smoke doors has gone to tender, a decision on what is sufficient must have been taken. The community is not asking for any confidential information but would like reassurances that a proper safety assessment has been undertaken.	
4.8	AH advised that each TfL station has a Congestion Control and Emergency Plan (CCEP) to ensure it is safe to operate. This has been the basis of the review, alongside additional passenger projections which have helped to identify the scope of the requirements. However, TfL will take this away as an action. Cllr EK understands KWNAG has also asked for written confirmation of why smoke-doors are sufficient. Action 1: AH to check what information can be provided to the community in relation to the safety case for the station.	NLE
4.9	LW asked if TfL has reassessed the passenger projection figures, as mentioned previously. Cllr EK commented that it is her understanding, following a conversation with Bob Lentell, that the original passenger projections allowed for Crossrail taking some of the strain. MF advised he is not aware the completion date for Crossrail has fallen behind planned completion of the NLE and so unlikely to be any impact on the passenger figure modelling.	
4.10	LW commented that TfL had said it would re-run the calculation based on an increased population in the local area. KY responded to advise that the passenger modelling included a projection of the local population in 2031.	

4.11	<p>Cllr EK requested that for the next meeting, TfL provides information in writing in relation to the safety case for the station, including the proposal for smoke doors and projected passenger numbers. Local people have been promised this information on numerous occasions in the past but it has never been provided. Action 2: AH advised TfL will review this request and see what information can be provided.</p>	NLE
4.12	<p>LW asked who took the minutes at the meeting attended by Neil Coyle MP. MF advised he believes this meeting took place around April last year but will check. Action 3: MF to locate the minutes of the meeting attended by Neil Coyle MP last year, where the safety of Kennington Station was discussed.</p>	NLE
4.13	<p>LW commented that TfL has previously said fire doors and new ventilation is required at Kennington Station, so she would like to know if this is going to be happening and if so, when.</p>	
4.14	<p>Cllr EK advised she was also at the meeting attended by Neil Coyle MP and attendees were told a lot of things. Originally, the Inspector was told that TfL was considering a new exit at the station, however at this meeting TfL confirmed this would not be happening.</p>	
4.15	<p>JM commented that in previous years, there has been discussion about possibly reopening the doors of the lift into Braganza Street. This is a simple thing to do that could provide an additional entrance/exit in the future.</p>	
4.16	<p>Cllr EK believes it should be recorded and minuted at every meeting that the community has concerns about the safety of Kennington Station.</p>	
4.17	<p>AH believes the increased usage of Kennington Station is likely to be due to passengers using it as an interchange, although she is not sure of the precise figures.</p>	
4.18	<p>JM commented that overcrowding at Kennington Station is already bad, even before the opening of the NLE. He has seen arguments and fights break out as a result and feels sorry for the staff who work there.</p>	
4.19	<p>Cllr EK believes concerns over fire safety are even more pressing given the current overcrowding at the station.</p>	
4.20	<p>AH confirmed there are CCEPs in place to ensure the station is safe to operate, within certain limits.</p>	
4.21	<p>LW commented that there are lots of new-build developments appearing in the area, which will lead to hundreds more people using the station during rush-hour over the next 5-10 years.</p>	
4.22	<p>JM mentioned that Kennington Station was referred to in the Evening Standard as being a good station for people moving to the area to use.</p>	

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5.8	LW explained that Bee Urban has purchased lots of cameras, to record any future incidents. However, Bee Urban is a not-for-profit organisation and is not awash with money.	
5.9	Cllr EK feels it is worrying that break-ins are occurring. LW feels the lights on the corner of the café in the Park are insufficient.	
5.10	MF will raise the issue of the underspend with TfL's Lambeth Liaison Team. Action 6: MF to liaise with TfL's Community Partnership team for Lambeth regarding a possible underspend on the £91,000 provided by TfL and investigate if Bee Urban could receive all/part of this, to put towards the cost of repairing recent vandalism.	NLE
5.11	Cllr EK would like to see a separate item on agenda for the next meeting, focused on the Head House and reinstatement of the Park. Action 7: Head House and Park reinstatement to appear as a separate item on the agenda for the next CLG (April 2019).	NLE
6.0 Dates of future meetings		
6.1	MF suggested Thursday 25 April 2019 and will check venue availability before confirming. Action 8: MF to confirm the date of the next meeting.	NLE
7.0 AOB		
7.1	No other business raised.	

Meeting started at 18:30 and finished at 19:25.
Minutes drafted by MW.