



Northern Line Extension Kennington Park and Newington Community Liaison Group

Thursday 18 October 2018
The Royal British Legion Club, 34 Gaza Street, London, SE17 3RD

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Matt Brinklow (MB)	FLO – NLE
Cllr James Coldwell (JC)	LB Southwark (Newington ward)
Marietta Crichton Stuart (MCS)	Friends of Kennington Park
Michael Flynn (MF)	TfL
Liam Greaney (LG)	FLO – NLE
Anna Hladkyj (AH)	TfL
Gordon Johnston (GJ)	Friends of Kennington Park
Milda Perkova (MP)	St Agnes Place
Tharshika Sivagnanam (TS)	TfL
Mark Walker (MW)	Minute-taker

Apologies:

Name	Organisation
Cllr Jack Hopkins	LB Lambeth (Oval ward)
Cllr Eleanor Kerlake	LB Southwark (Newington ward)
Dr Robert Lentell	Local resident
Joseph May	Kennington Park House

	Item	Action
1.0	Introductions and apologies	
1.1	Introduction from Cllr James Coldwell (JC). JC is a local councillor for Newington ward and this is the first time he has attended a Community Liaison Group meeting.	
1.2	Round-table introductions from all attendees.	

2.0	Minutes of the previous meeting – accuracy and matters arising	
2.1	JC asked if attendees are happy for him to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.	
2.2	Marietta Crichton Stuart (MCS) commented that as recorded in point 2.4 of the previous minutes, she had requested the minutes be sent out in advance of future meetings. However, the minutes were only distributed 12 hours in advance of tonight’s meeting. Michael Flynn (MF) apologised for this and advised that in the future, minutes will be sent in good time before each meeting. Action 1: MF to ensure meeting minutes and actions are distributed as soon as possible after future meetings.	NLE
2.3	MCS expressed her disappointment that the Kennington Park Head House did not go to the Council Planning Committee. There has been discussion in previous meetings about the design of the Head House and lots of elements were undecided. There was no publicity advising the designs were approved and when MCS spoke to a senior officer at the Council, he was unaware. MCS would like to know how local people can find out what the end result will be.	
2.4	JC commented that he does not imagine LB Lambeth would follow a different procedure to LB Southwark, so he would imagine Cllr Jack Hopkins should be able to assist. MCS responded to say she does not feel she should need to contact a councillor, as this should be a publicly available document.	
2.5	MF explained that the TfL Project Sponsor is not in the meeting at present. He will look at the Council’s planning pages to see what has been approved.	
2.6	Anna Hladkyj (AH) asked if landscaping of the Head House will be covered in today’s presentation. Liam Greaney (LG) responded to advise there is nothing in the presentation about Head House landscaping, however he can confirm this is programmed for Spring 2020.	
2.7	MCS commented that as the Head House will be constructed next year, she had hoped there will be planting to disguise an inappropriate building in a heritage park. LG confirmed that planting will take place in Spring 2020, so there will be a gap before this takes place.	
2.8	MCS asked if today’s presentation will tell her when the project will start consulting the Friends of Kennington Park about the reinstatement of the dog walking area. LG advised this information is not included. MCS asked if LG could provide a ball-park date. LG responded to advise he and MF will take an action to see what information can be released. Action 2: LG and MF to liaise and provide details to MCS regarding the reinstatement of the dog walking area in Kennington Park.	NLE
2.9	MCS advised that consultation on this issue has been promised. The project has been sitting on the dog walking area for many years and residents are anxious to know more details of the plans for reinstatement, including a proper timetable.	

2.10	AH advised this is her first meeting of the Kennington Park CLG. The project team will investigate this issue and respond.	
2.11	Gordon Johnston (GJ) commented that these points have been made in detail at previous meetings of the CLG.	
3.0	<p>NLE Progress update and presentation – including a summary of work completed since July and a look ahead to the next three months</p> <p>3.1 Presentation by LG provided an update on progress at Kennington Park and Kennington Station.</p> <p>3.2 JC commented that lots of people were unhappy about the closure, as they had been promised this would not happen. However, he has received no complaints and one gentleman who lives opposite the station was very positive about how the work at Kennington Station was carried out. LG advised he will convey this positive feedback to the team.</p> <p>3.3 AH asked when the noisy breaking out work at Kennington Park will be completed. LG advised work to finish the link between the Head House basement and the shaft is scheduled for completion by the end of November.</p> <p>3.4 MCS asked if the project will be working 24/7 over Christmas. LG responded to advise there is currently some 24/7 work taking place to install rails in the tunnels. However, the project will shut down over Christmas.</p> <p>3.5 Presentation by Matt Brinklow (MB) provided an update on environmental monitoring at Kennington Park.</p> <p>3.6 LG advised the dates in the presentation are incorrect, however the data displayed is for the correct period.</p> <p>3.7 JC asked what happens when the project exceeds the permitted noise limits. MB advised any exceedances cause the team to check what it is doing. There is a maximum number of times the project can go above the limit before residents become eligible for secondary glazing. MB thinks limits need to be exceeded seven out of ten days consecutively before that eligibility kicks in. However, the project has not exceeded these limits.</p> <p>3.8 MB provided an update on complaints and enquiries received since the last CLG in relation to work at Kennington Park and Kennington Station.</p> <p>3.9 LG provided an update on FLO's skills and employment activity and confirmed FLO is happy to get involved in more community initiatives in Kennington, if anyone knows of any.</p> <p>3.10 LG distributed copies of a flyer publicising a retraining course that FLO is participating in. LG asked attendees to share with any local groups they</p>	

	are involved with.	
3.11	MCS asked if local schools can come and have a look at the Head House when it starts being built. LG responded to advise he is sure the project could do something like this.	
3.12	MCS commented she would be very happy to have any sort of corporate group come to do some gardening in Kennington Park. MB advised FLO has 'sustainability week' in early November and is looking for volunteering opportunities. MCS suggested someone should email the Friends of Kennington Park email address to sort something out. Action 3: MB to email the Friends of Kennington Park to organise a volunteering opportunity for FLO's 'sustainability week'.	NLE
3.13	JC asked if there is an age limit for the retraining scheme mentioned earlier by LG. AH does not think there is an age limit. Action 4: MF will ask Carla Arnold to circulate an electronic copy of the flyer.	NLE
3.14	GJ made one further point regarding planting in relation to the Kennington Park Head House. Landscaping is scheduled to be done in the summer of 2020, however there would be a better chance of success if trees are planted before April.	
3.15	MCS suggested NLE liaises with Trees for Cities, which is based in Kennington. Tree planting should take place between now and early spring. The Friends of Kennington Park would like to know what is going to be planted and when. LG advised the project will take this away as an action and provide further details. Action 5: LG to provide further details of the plans for planting in relation to the Kennington Park Head House.	NLE
3.16	GJ advised he understood there would be a thick group of trees concealing the Head House.	
4.0	Construction noise	
4.1	MB advised that as this was discussed earlier, he does not think it needs to be a separate item.	
5.0	Kennington Station	
5.1	Update provided earlier as part of LG's presentation.	
6.0	Future agenda items	
6.1	MF commented that lots of the agenda items are historic in nature. He is happy to take suggestions on what people would like to talk about.	
6.2	MCS confirmed she is interested in the above-ground building work in the Park, including the Head House landscaping and reinstatement of the dog walking area. AH confirmed the project will look to bring more information on these topics to the next meeting.	

6.3	MP asked if the type of trees to be planted around the Head House was decided as part of the consultation. MCS advised that Friends of Kennington Park's suggestion was for the project to speak to Trees for Cities, who will know what species of trees will grow in London clay.	
6.4	MP commented that if deciduous trees are planted, then these will not cover the building for half of the year.	
6.5	LG confirmed he will change the format of the presentation to provide this information next time. Action 6: LG to ensure the update presentation given at the next meeting includes details of the planting planned for the area around the Kennington Park Head House.	NLE
6.6	GJ commented that at previous meetings, residents have expressed concerns about the effect of tunnelling on their properties. GJ lives nearer to Kennington Green and wants to know if TfL can be certain there will be no further damage to his property after the tunnel has been brought into use. He would not want to have a large bill for structural repairs and then have TfL to say he is unlucky and it cannot help. He would imagine there must be some sort of on-going liability and wanted to make this point about latent defects.	
6.7	JC advised Bob Lentell is leading on this issue for local residents. Action 7: JC to liaise with Bob Lentell prior to the next meeting.	JC
6.8	MF advised he will also investigate further. GJ would appreciate any information from TfL's structural engineers. Action 8: MF to check TfL's stance regarding on-going repairs to properties, particularly once the line is operational.	NLE
7.0	Dates of future meetings	
7.1	MF advised tonight is the last of a series of meetings where dates were agreed long in advance. He is happy to pencil in a date for the next meeting that is suitable for everyone.	
7.2	MCS suggested a meeting should take place once the construction of the Head House starts in January.	
7.3	JC suggested Thursday 17 January 2019. MF advised this date looks clear. He will check with the venue and circulate confirmation as soon as possible. Action 9: MF to confirm the date of next meeting.	

Meeting started at 18:32 and finished at 19:14.
Minutes drafted by MW.