

Northern line extension

Core Community Liaison Group

5 November 2014, Walworth Garden Farm

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Cllr rep: Jonathan Cook (Cllr JC)	LB Wandsworth
Officer rep: Steve Diamond (SD)	LB Wandsworth
Cllr rep: Mark Williams (Cllr MW)	LB Southwark
Officer rep: Richard Perkins (RP)	LB Southwark
Cllr rep: Jack Hopkins (Cllr JH)	LB Lambeth
Robert Lentell (RL)	NLE Community Action
Lesley Wertheimer (LW)	NLE Community Action
Rodney Ovenden (RO)	NLE Community Action
Sarah Northey (SN)	NLE Community Action
Harene Goonewardene (HG)	Battersea Area CLG rep
Keith Trotter (KJ)	Nine Elms on the South Bank
David Darcy (DD)	Ferrovial Agroman Laing O'Rourke (FLO)
Mabel Garcia (MG)	FLO
Rob McCarthy (R.McC)	FLO
Jon Kirkup (JK)	Transport for London
Emma-Jane Kirtland (E-JK)	Transport for London
Ben Coultate (BC)	Transport for London
Ravinder Dio (RD)	Transport for London
Peter Headland (PH)	Transport for London

Apologies: Iago Griffiths (Lambeth), David Boardman (NLE Community Action)

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1.	Introduction to the NLE Design and Build contractor Ferroviol Agroman Laing O'Rourke (FLO)	
1.1	DD stated FLO was very pleased to have been awarded the contract, which was signed with TfL on 4.9.14. FLO is a joint venture between a Spanish company (Ferroviol Agroman) and a UK company (Laing O'Rourke). FLO are currently mobilising and currently have about 50 staff in place.	
1.2	DD acknowledged that any construction project was likely to cause a degree of disruption. FLO wished to minimise disruption by working with the local community and wanted to leave a legacy of socio-economic benefits to the area.	
1.3	DD noted that the peak construction activity years would be 2015, 2016 and 2017.	
1.4	All three councillors stressed the importance of jobs, apprenticeships and Small Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) to their boroughs. Councillors were keen to receive information on the planning required to ensure local people are skilled up to obtain jobs during the lifetime of the project. FLO will report back on their employment and skills strategy at the next meeting.	FLO
1.5	LW asked if FLO paid the London Living Wage and DD confirmed they were contractually required to pay at least this level.	
1.6	RL asked when the step plate junctions and the gallery tunnels would be constructed. DD responded that the best estimate is that gallery tunnels would be built in late 2016, and would take approximately 3 to 4 months to build. The step plate junctions would be built in 2017. DD noted the step plate junctions present a complicated engineering exercise since they involve construction work close to an existing operational railway.	
1.7	FLO have produced a 10 minute video on the construction of the railway and will show this at the next meeting.	FLO

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2.	Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27.8.2014	
2.1	Agreed as accurate.	
3.	Northern line extension progress report	
3.1	<p>JK, E-JK, R.McC and PH gave a presentation including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall update • Enabling works • Ground investigations • Code of Construction Practice Part B • Complaints received • Updates and newsletters • Hoardings • Consents • Jobs and apprenticeships • Draft community engagement strategy • Zoning <p><i>Overall update</i></p>	
3.2	JK stated that the Secretary of State's decision on the Transport and Works Act Order was expected soon. There were three possible outcomes; approval, approval with conditions or refusal.	
3.3	<p>SN asked, now that FLO are looking at the design in more detail, will there be any major changes and will these need reconsidering in terms of environmental impacts? R.McC stated that the designers remit requires them to assess any changes, refer back to the Environmental Impact Assessments using the same methodology to reassess the changes. SN asked if residents would be consulted about any major changes. Cllr JH considered that the Core Group had a role where any material changes in design could be reported and this would help with transparency. PH noted that Donald Stark had requested an update on any changes to the Environmental Statement as a standing agenda item for the group. JK stated that FLO and TfL need to ensure they comply with the Environmental Statement. Material changes would be reported back to the Core CLG.</p>	FLO
3.4	Cllr MW reported problems with Crossrail lorries parking by the London South Bank University waiting for their slots to enter sites. DD noted that most spoil from the tunnel would be taken away by barge. RO asked if contaminated spoil	

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	<p>could be removed by barge and DD stated this was possible, however the problem occurred at the destination receiving the spoil. DD reported that FLO would be appointing a Logistics Manager for this work. Cllr JC requested that FLO report back with approximate numbers of lorry movements as soon as possible.</p>	<p>FLO</p>
3.5	<p>LW highlighted the increased lorry movements which would result from the redevelopment of the Elephant & Castle station and roundabout. Cllr MW stated there were a number of additional regeneration schemes in the area, and an Elephant & Castle Stakeholders Group had been set up. E-JK noted that TfL were supporting the co-ordination process and KJ stated that there was also a Nine Elms Construction Co-ordination Group.</p>	
3.6	<p>Cllr JC noted the importance of the public being able to know which lorries were working for which development/contractor to help them report any problems. RD stated the lorries for the NLE would be clearly labelled.</p>	
3.7	<p>LW asked if the lorries would have the latest cycling safety measures. All three councillors and JK stated this was high on their respective agendas. DD confirmed this would be the case for the lorries on the NLE.</p>	
	<p><i>Code of Construction Practice Part Bs (CoCP Part Bs)</i></p>	
3.8	<p>R.McC presented the proposals for the development of CoCP Part Bs. These will complement the Part A which was agreed during the Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) Inquiry. There will be four site specific Part B's and eight topic environmental plans. Community engagement proposals include four drop-in sessions, consideration of a Saturday session, feedback questionnaire, offer of "technical meetings" with more informed residents and online access to documents and to provide feedback. JK noted the difficulty presented by delay in the TWAO which may complicate the communication requirements.</p>	
3.9	<p>The community engagement proposals were agreed by the Group. The Group noted the importance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding the events in the first two weeks of December rather than any later • Offering to arrange meetings with Tenants and Resident Associations if requested (councillors to suggest key TRAs to contact) • Including a feedback survey with the newsletter 	

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3.10	<p>RO asked how would the newsletter be distributed. PH stated this would be a combination of email version (for example to the 1600 people on the NLE mailing list) and hard copies for key estates, libraries, community venues, councillor surgeries etc). PH stated a distribution list would be provided for the Community Liaison Groups and the CLGs advice on any omissions would be welcomed. SD and KJ offered to help disseminate through their contacts.</p>	All
3.11	<p>RL asked if the CoCP Part Bs were part of the statutory planning process or outside of this. BC stated that meetings were being held next week with local authorities to talk through the process of review and determination of Part Bs. BC noted that Part A refers to the requirement to have discussions with the Community Liaison Groups, local authorities and statutory agencies on Part Bs prior to submission.</p>	
3.12	<p>R.McC stated that the CoCP part B pre-submission discussions would be concluded by 19 December 2014, and submitted to the local authorities in early January for determination. Construction works will commence following local authority approval of submissions. DD asked for as much co-operation as possible on the timescale. Cllr JC noted the timescales were challenging.</p>	
3.13	<p>SN queried the timescale for purchase of subsoil. JK stated tunnelling would commence in approximately two years time and three months notice had to be provided.</p> <p><i>Ground investigation works</i></p>	
3.14	<p>JK reported that Lambeth and Southwark councils were willing to make available the results of the ground investigations undertaken on the public land in their boroughs (in Wandsworth ground investigations were carried out on private land which could not be shared). Copyright/disclaimer statements had taken some time to prepare but had now been provided by TfL to the two councils.</p>	
3.15	<p>JK noted that this information on borehole logs was very technical. FLO had received the ground investigation data and would be developing an interpretative report which would inform design and mitigation measures. This would be shared with the Community Liaison Groups.</p>	

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3.16	<p>RL stated that he felt that residents had waited too long for this information to be released. The management of ground water through dewatering, and the construction of step plate junctions were key issues for residents in his area. Residents wanted time to look at the information themselves and to arrange for independent advice if necessary. JK replied that the borehole log information on public land in Southwark and Lambeth should now be available. JK stated that the interpretative report is produced out of the design work. FLO were appointed six weeks ago and are still mobilising, and their interpretative report would be shared early in 2015. Design is carried out on a programme basis and the step plate junctions are due to be built in 2017. DD confirmed FLO would share the interpretative report with the CLGs and provide a presentation to the groups.</p> <p><i>Enabling works</i></p>	FLO
3.17	<p>E-JK gave a presentation on enabling works including the UKPN new power supply to Kennington Green and Kennington Park and diversionary works at Pascal Street close to the Nine Elms station. UKPN are carrying out the works under their own powers and had received permissions from Lambeth and Southwark Councils. E-JK stated that FLO can only carry out enabling works once TWAO approval has been received.</p>	
3.18	<p>PH noted that updates on enabling works are provided to all of the CLGs and as they meet over a 2-3 week period the latest information is provided to them. Enabling works can start at quite short notice. CLG members and local councillors are sent an email update. JK noted that some works involve “piggybacking” with other planned works to avoid having to dig the road up twice.</p> <p><i>Complaints</i></p>	
3.19	<p>PH reported that complaints are a standing item on the agenda. No complaints had been received in the last quarter, although TfL had been made aware of complaints about UKPN’s contractor Compass who were based on TfL owned land east of Montford Place. TfL had given notice of termination to Compass and they are due to leave by early December 14.</p>	

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3.20	<p><i>Hoardings</i></p> <p>E-JK stated that proposals were being developed with FLO. Hoardings needed to conform to TfL standards. There had been dialogue with local CLGs. Ideas for community involvement can be included at the CoCP Part B drop ins. Ideas can be forwarded to PH.</p>	All
3.21	<p>JK reported that TfL are having a single number for complaints across the organisation and this number would be used on hoardings.</p>	
3.22	<p><i>Jobs and apprenticeships</i></p> <p>PH reported on a Careers Expo organised by Wandsworth for Lambeth and Wandsworth students in early December which NLE/FLO will have a presence at. This is co-ordinated by the Wandsworth BEST team (Business and Education Succeeding Together). Cllr MW will keep the Group updated on similar events opportunities at Southwark.</p>	Cllr MW
3.23	<p><i>Zoning</i></p> <p>JK reported that in December 2013 the Mayor confirmed that TfL is proposing to designate the new Battersea and Nine Elms stations as Zone 1 and to rezone Kennington as a Zone 1-2 station. This is subject to agreement with external parties including the Association of Train Operating Companies. JK stated that agreement with the relevant bodies will take place in 2019.</p>	
3.24	<p>Cllrs MW and JH noted that Kennington residents would experience disruption from the construction of the NLE and it would be positive if there was any opportunity to bring the rezoning of Kennington station forward.</p>	
4.	Minutes of the local Community Liaison Groups	
4.1	<p>Noted the minutes of the following local groups;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nine Elms and Oval 2.10.14 • Kennington Park and Newington 6.10.14 • Kennington Green 8.10.14 • Battersea 13.10.14 	
4.2	<p>No issues were raised on the minutes.</p>	

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5.	<p>Membership</p> <p>5.1 PH noted that the last meeting of the Core Group agreed the resident/community membership of the meeting as one representative from each of the four local CLGs and 3 representatives from NLE Community Action.</p> <p>5.2 LW stated that when big issues arise for residents there should be an opportunity for residents to give their views to the Core Group. PH stated that the two Kennington CLGs had structured their meetings to have a 30 minute drop in prior to the start and a 15 minute public Question and Answer time as part of the main meeting. Nine Elms/Oval and Battersea had decided to remain with a 7.00-8.30 meeting. PH noted these arrangements could be reviewed and there was a need to be flexible as construction works start.</p> <p>5.3 Cllr MW offered to host the Core CLG at Southwark Council's offices in London Bridge for any meetings where a larger public presence might be expected.</p>	
6.	<p>Future agenda items</p> <p>6.1 Agreed for the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FLO presentation including video • CoCP Part B • Community engagement strategy • Jobs and employment strategy • Timetable – headlines, and look ahead for the next 3 months • Update on any issues since the last meeting which have changed from the Environmental Statement published during the Inquiry 	
7.	<p>Date of future meetings</p> <p>7.1 Agreed to meet late January after the next cycle of local Community Liaison Groups. Councillors requested that due to the election in 2015 the next cycle of meetings be bought forward to March rather than having meetings in April. PH to notify members of the date.</p> <p>7.2 Agreed to continue to meet quarterly. Councillors can request more frequent meetings if issues arise.</p>	TfL

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Meeting started 7.03 and closed at 8.28
Minutes drafted by PH