

Northern line extension

Battersea Community Liaison Group

6 July 2015 Rose Community Centre

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Officer rep: Steve Diamond (SD) (chair)	LB Wandsworth
Harendra Goonewardene (HG)	Savona Estate
Brian Raincock (BR)	Viridan resident
Cllr Wendy Speck (WS)	LB Wandsworth (Latchmere ward) and Carey Gardens resident
Brian Barnes (BB)	Battersea PS Com Group
Tim Hill (TH)	Battersea Power Station
Gary Evans (GE)	Ascalon St resident
May Hale (MH)	Nine Elms Pier
John Duffy (JD)	FLO
Mabel Garcia Aranda (MGA)	FLO
Carla Arnold (CA)	FLO
Lochlan Macaulay (LM)	Transport for London
Katie-Jane Kyte (KK)	Transport for London
Peter Headland (PH)	Transport for London
Malcolm Maskill (MM)	Transport for London
Andrew Harfoot (AH)	Thames Tideway Tunnel
Heather Wells (HW)	Thames Tideway Tunnel
John Gullick (JG)	Thames Tideway Tunnel

Malcolm Orford (MO)	Thames Tideway Tunnel	
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Apologies: Cllr Nardelli, Caryl Davies, Jon Kirkup, Liz Watson, Jeremy Wilkins, Sarah Banham

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1.0	Introductions and apologies	
1.1	SD advised he will be chairing the meeting as Cllr Nardelli (now Mayor of Wandsworth) has given her apologies.	
1.2	KK thanked people for coming and advised that this meeting now runs after the Building Battersea meeting and there will be a short presentation from Thames Tideway Tunnel (TTT) as well.	
2.0	NLE presentation and progress update	
2.1	JD gave a presentation on: • Summary of works since March • A lookahead of works over the next three months	
	JD reported that Flo had started on site but 2015 is primarily a year of design, although excavation of the crossover box and the station box has begun as well as sheet piling in the crossover box. JD acknowledged that this had been noisy work.	
	The conveyor will be commissioned shortly which will mean that spoil is taken away from the site by barge rather than lorry. The conveyor will be fully enclosed to manage dust and noise.	
	In the second half of 2015 Flo will commence diaphragm walling. These walls are 60m deep and involve pouring panels of concrete 125-130m³ in volume. There are six panels which are double this size and in order to pour these works may go outside of core hours. This will be done by exception and residents will be fully notified ahead of time.	
	Noise and vibration	
2.2	HG raised the concern that the sheet piling was extremely noisy and the communications from Flo came through about this very late i.e. after works had started. JD agreed that a lesson has been learnt here and it will not happen	Flo

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	again as Flo will be establishing a better communication channel with residents. JD advised that Flo understands resident concerns however as the vibration may have been disturbing and apologised for not giving notice of these works. HG asked whether the works exceeded the noise limit stipulated in the Section 61, JD advised it exceeded at a point but only a negligible amount however Flo understand that this was distressing for residents. HG asked whether residents can expect this again in the future and JD responded that alternative methods are being looked at but there may need to be more sheet piling due to the ground conditions. JD reiterated that residents will be notified as Flo and TfL take communication with the residents very seriously.	
2.3	SD questioned what disturbance residents can expect from the diaphragm wall works and how often this will be after 18:00. JD advised that this will only be on occasion and residents will be fully informed and MGA added that works will still be noisy. BR stated that communication with residents needs to be better and all agreed with this.	
	Site layout	
2.4	BB questioned the exact area Flo have taken over on the BPS site. JD stated this is a 300m length area along Battersea Park Road, starting at the Network Rail tracks and adjacent to the Savona Estate and Viridian. BB asked if Flo are doing a 'cut and cover' box; JD explained the boxes are being constructed separately (crossover box and station box) and they are open excavations where Flo will excavate down and then build back up. This will take approximately three years and then the area is handed over to BPS for the over-site development. BB questioned how far back the Flo site is from Battersea Park Road and JD explained it is approximately 5-6m back from the road.	
3.0	Traffic management	
3.1	HG asked if the current traffic management is permanent or if it will shift. JD explained that the current arrangement will change but this is dependent on the other utility diversions in the area completing on time. After they are completed the NLE diversions will take place and there will be a signalised junction in situ. HG questioned the route lorries take in and out of site and JD advised this is left in and left out but HG raised a concern that he had witnessed	

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	lorries turning right out of the site. JD asked for this information to be shared and Flo will look into this.	Flo
3.2	SD raised a concern with residents being able to contact the NLE with any issues as the central telephone number is not sufficient. MGA and KK acknowledged that there have been difficulties with using this number but Flo have procured a third party company who will run a dedicated NLE helpdesk. The number (0343 222 2424) will not change but there will be an option to press a number to go through to this dedicated line. Flo and TfL are working through this. MGA also added that residents have her direct number and if there are problems they can contact her on that and JD advised that if residents have serious concerns they can come to the site and ask for the project manager. BR asked where the helpdesk number and contact details can be found and MGA advised they are on the hoardings and on all activity notifications and newsletters issued to residents. KK advised that residents can also email the NLE inbox (nle@tfl.gov.uk) HG stated that the activity notifications and newsletters are very useful.	Flo / TfL
3.3	SD asked for more information on the plans for the signalised junction. JD advised this is in detail design stage with TfL for approval and Flo are expecting feedback on this in the next two-three weeks. SD asked if there will be a pedestrian crossing JD confirmed this is incorporated into the junction design and there will be a zone where pedestrians can cross safely although it may not be in the same area as the current crossing. HG questioned if the bus stop will be moved and JD advised that it will be and the exact location is subject to discussion. MGA reassured residents that this information will be shared with them on an activity notification nearer the time.	
4.0	Defect surveys	
4.1	MGA confirmed that letters have been distributed to residents most affected by early piling works e.g. at Nine Elms and letters will be going out to Battersea residents in the next eight weeks. Flo have procured a specialist surveyor, CPM Ltd.	
4.2	MGA stated that monitoring studs will be installed in the next two-three weeks.	

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5.0	Community Engagement	
5.1	MGA advised residents that the NLE will be represented at the Open Days on 14 and 15 July 2015 at the Rose Community Centre. Flo have also had five LB Wandsworth work experience students join them for the past two weeks. SD added that a LB Wandsworth resident has also started work at the site office.	
5.2	MG acknowledged that the focus of the Community Engagement Strategy will be on communicating in a timely manner with residents, making contacts within the local communities and ensuring local people know about job opportunities on the NLE.	
5.3	BR raised a concern with the line of communication to the Viridian as the Concierge cannot always forward on leaflets and noted that he has been nominated as the communication point. SD stated that the NLE are trying to build up contacts in the area and MGA confirmed that we welcome feedback on how best to do this. PH added that the distribution companies TfL and Flo use have reassured us that the leaflets are getting to each resident but if this is not the case please let us know. BR advised putting notifications in the council newsletter or local newspaper also and Flo look into this. BR stated that communications need to be active and not passive and KK thanked him and the Group for their feedback. MGA advised she will discuss any access difficulties with the distribution company.	Flo Flo
6.0	Thames Tideway Tunnel	
6.1	MO gave a presentation on the TTT including: • Introductions • Project update including timeline and proposed works in the vicinity Residents asked for a copy of the presentation to be distributed. MO advised that the Terms of Reference for the TTT community liaison group will very similar to the NLE and TTT are committed to engaging with residents. The agenda will follow up the same line as the NLE CLG but this will not replace smaller meetings with local groups.	тт
6.2	HG questioned how TTT will communicate and MO	

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	advised this will be through the website, a helpline number, letter drops and meetings. HG advised he would be happy to put up TTT notices on the Savona Estate also.	
7.0	Review of the operation of the CLGs	
7.1	PH stated that the NLE welcomes the chance to integrate with other projects in the area. The NLE has so far run 27 CLGs and feedback from the other groups has been that the meetings are positive and give a voice to the community. The community must therefore be happy with the approach to integrate.	
7.2	BB stated that as there are only five residents present the NLE must work harder to reach out to other members of the community. PH agreed that more work can be done but added that the CLGs are just one part of Flo's Community Engagement Strategy, which includes drop in sessions and surgeries where people who would not usually attend a public meeting can have a one-to-one conversation. MGA added that Flo are tailoring the Strategy to suit each area and it is a priority to meet people and build up contacts. BB suggested that Flo attend the AGM for Carey Gardens, MGA to contact BB about this.	Flo
7.3	SD asked that Flo report what engagement work has been done at the next CLG.	Flo
7.4	The Group agreed to continue to integrate the meeting and have a joint NLE/TTT CLG however all acknowledged that this may change in the future. Residents also stated the meeting should either be integrated with the Building Battersea meeting or held immediately afterwards. The projects will consider this.	NLE / TTT / BPS
8.0	Future agenda items	
8.1	It is noted that the Group are happy with the set out of the agenda.	
9.0	AOB	
9.1	SD questioned what the NLE hoardings will look like. MGA advised that this is a work in progress but there will be an NLE section of the BPS hoardings which will include all contact details. MO advised that TTT hoardings will show artwork of local people and this should be put up in August. TH added that the hoardings will also be refreshed	

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	when the new BPS and NLE gates are installed.	
9.2	BB stated that TTT is further away so not as much of an impact on residents here as the NLE but BR added that it was very interesting to hear about the project. MO advised that traffic movements, for example, will affect the whole area.	
9.3	GE suggested a joint visitor centre for all the projects and all agreed to take this away and discuss. MGA advised that when the Flo site cabins are fully operational there will be drop in surgeries there too.	NLE / TTT / BPS
9.4	Residents agreed that KK can share their contact details with HW.	TfL
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Meeting started 7.10 and closed at 8.31pm. Minutes drafted by KK