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Northern Line Extension

Kennington Green Community Liaison Group (CLG)

Tuesday 11 July 2017 Henry Fawcett Primary School, Kennington

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Cllr rep: Cllr David Amos (Cllr DA) (CHAIR)	LB Lambeth
Jonathan Cooper (JC)	Transport for London
Robert Frith (TfL)	Transport for London
Claire Jermany (CJ)	Transport for London
Jon Kirkup (JK)	Transport for London
Michael Tarrega (MT)	Transport for London
Mark Thompson (MTh)	Transport for London
Caroline Brennan (CB)	Ferrovial Laing O'Rourke (FLO)
Mabel Garcia (MGa)	Ferrovial Laing O'Rourke (FLO)
Liam Greaney (LG)	Ferrovial Laing O'Rourke (FLO)
Aleisha Young (AY)	Ferrovial Laing O'Rourke (FLO)
Nick Hawkes (NH)	Grimshaw Architects
Priscilla Baines (PB)	Resident / Heart of Kennington
	Residents' Association
David Boardman (DB)	NLE Community Action
Nicolas Bratza (NB)	Resident
Neil Collingridge (NC)	Resident
Tarquin Desoutter (TD)	Resident
M Evers (ME)	Resident
Annette Fawkes (AF)	Resident
Polly Hutchison (PH)	Resident
Kirk Hendry (KH)	Resident
Edward Hutchison (EH)	Resident
Richard Jennings (RJ)	Avrasons
Judith Lyons (JL)	Resident
Leanne Standish (LS)	Resident
Tristan Standish (TS)	Resident
John Mealey (JM)	Admin support (minute taker)

Apologies: Marcus Lyon, Peter Laverack

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1.0	Chairperson's introduction	
1.1	Welcome from Cllr DA. Cllr DA advised this is the second time he has chaired the Kennington Green CLG, as Cllr Edbrooke is on maternity leave. Cllr DA advised he represents nearby Prince's Ward and has been co-chairing the NLE CLG for Kennington Park, so he is familiar with the project.	
1.2	Cllr DA thanked residents for attending the meeting and advised the CLG is not the Planning Committee but is a great opportunity for key questions to be asked and points to be made. Cllr DA expressed the importance for community views to be heard and advised he is keen to hear the key issues as the project enters its next phase.	
2.0	Minutes of the previous meeting – accuracy and matters arising	
2.1	Cllr DA asked MT whether any amendments were requested to the minutes from the previous CLG. MT answered a minor amendment was made.	
2.2	MT said Peter Laverack has requested by email information on the potential implications of living near the head house and substation that will lie within it. MT said the NLE will take an action to provide this information to CLG members.	NLE
2.3	Matters arising from the previous minutes: (1.2): Cllr DA took away a list of issues from the previous meeting where guidance from London Borough of Lambeth is required.	
	(2.4): TfL provided a note, as requested by Cllr DA, in regard to the yellow lines in the area where the hoardings are located.	
	(2.5): As suggested by Cllr DA, it is now stated in the relevant section of the minutes when an action is complete.	
	(3.1): NLE took note of the free comments from people as part of the head house and landscaping exercise at the previous meeting.	
	(3.2): Cllr DA said he would clarify the process with regard to Lambeth's determination later in the meeting.	
	(3.6): NLE spoke to Lambeth in regard to the feedback received for the Head house.	
	(5.27): It was requested for NLE to provide a much better head house proposal and an expectation of what happens next. MT advised this action point will be covered in this meeting. However one of the main topics for this meeting is to discuss the head house in detail.	
	(5.31): Cllr DA finalised a list of the issues raised at the previous	

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	meeting and liaised with key members of the community to ensure all issues were covered.	
	(5.33): Cllr DA obtained a steer from Lambeth to determine whether the head house design is less prescriptive than he was led to believe.	
	(6.1): Cllr DA spoke to Marcus Lyon in regard to the submission of the community petitions for the head house and landscaping plans.	
	(10.1): MT confirmed the date for the next Kennington Green CLG has been set for Tuesday 10 October.	
2.4	EH said it was confirmed at the previous meeting that minutes would be distributed within two weeks of the CLG taking place, however he did not believe this happened. MT confirmed the minutes were distributed exactly two weeks after the previous CLG.	
2.5	AF advised she does not understand what was agreed at the previous CLG in regard to the green wall for the head house. MT explained this will be covered during the meeting but stated there is no green wall in the plans. MT said the Kennington Green head house is different to the building at Elephant & Castle. MT also said that TfL has to be careful with venting. AF explained Lambeth built the one in Elephant & Castle and she feels a green wall in Kennington is far more relevant. MT advised AF that TfL does not own all of the land in the area and Lambeth are not too keen on the green wall. MT stressed that residents' views are extremely important to TfL.	
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3.0	NLE progress update	
3.1	LG provided a Kennington Green works update (works information included within the attachment).	
3.2	LG provided a summary update for the work that has taken place since April 2017.	
	Sprayed Concrete Lining (SCL) tunnelling is complete.	
	 Waterproofing and secondary lining started in June 6.5 and 9.5 metre diameter Step Plate Junction (SPJ) works 	
	were completed in June	
	Service diversions to join the new and existing tunnels ongoing	
	from JulyCompletion of main excavation works and ring installation to	
	6.5m and 9.5m sections of SPJ	
	Completion of the SPJ including headwalls scheduled for July	
	 Invert preparation, waterproofing and secondary lining works to take place in July. Preparations for the arrival of the Tunnel 	
	Boring Machine are ongoing between July and September.	

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3.3	LG explained there will be three weekend track possessions for delivery of the NLE track works to tie into the Kennington Loop. The three 52 hour weekend possessions (Friday night to Monday morning) are scheduled for: • 15 – 18 September • 29 – 2 October • 10 – 13 November (contingency)	
3.4	In regard of the possessions, RJ said it has already been agreed with CB that some of his tenants will be rehoused for the first two weekends, however he was unaware of the third weekend. RJ asked whether his tenants will also be rehoused for the third weekend possession in November. MGa advised RJ that FLO is investigating to see which properties will be affected by the weekend possessions and whether any mitigation is required. MGa informed the CLG the November weekend possession is a contingency and at the moment, reports do not expect any noise levels to be triggered, however further investigations will be carried out to ensure nobody is affected.	
3.5	Cllr DA asked when TfL/FLO will know whether the third weekend possession is definitely taking place. MTh answered TfL/FLO will know what will be occurring on the third possession at the end of the second possession. MTh said a lot of work is due to be carried out but advised possessions can be handed over late, which decreases the amount of time the team have to complete the tasks. MTh said as soon as TfL knows exactly what will occur on the third weekend possession, we will inform residents.	
3.6	LG also repeated there will be work over a 10-day period over the Christmas period from 23 December to 1 January. *Please note all closures are subject to change if London Underground needs to operate a service or if an emergency occurs.	
3.7	Cllr DA asked LG to provide a definition of the term 'possession', as many people may not understand what it means. LG explained that during a possession, FLO will take control of the line so that work can take place and trains cannot run.	
3.8	MTh explained the Northern line loop will be closed during the possessions and the Northern line will be affected, however, services will continue to run from Kennington. There will be approximately 10 services an hour on the Bank branch and 14 services on the Charing Cross branch. We will include service details in future communications	NLE
3.9	 LG explained the activities due to take place, in relation to the track possessions: Take down the top section of the existing Northern line tunnel, including the removal of 126 cast iron rings Noise predictions for the possession works do not exceed the thresholds set out in the NLE Construction Noise and Vibration 	

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	Mitigation Scheme	
3.10	LG said an information notification will be sent in July and further information regarding the possessions is scheduled to be sent in August. LG also advised preparation works are planned during August and September, in anticipation of the arrival of the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) later this year.	
3.11	PB said the work dates will need to be repeated as some residents do not take in the information. MGa said FLO is aware some residents may be affected, which is why further engagement and door knocking sessions are planned.	NLE
3.12	LG said FLO does not believe work will exceed the section 61 limits for the possessions. A forklift truck is planned to operate between 08.00 and 20.00 only operate and the acoustic enclosure doors will be closed overnight.	
3.13	MTh said there are five sections of rings that will be taken down. There are 126 rings on both sites and the plan is to bring them to the bottom of shaft, before they go up the shaft and enter the site.	
3.14	MTh explained the proposal is to bring the rings out of the shaft during the day and then close the shaft doors at 20:00 each night. The shaft doors will not be opened until 08:00 in the morning.	
3.15	MTh advised TfL/FLO has to take the iron rings out of railway during the closure and they will be brought out within the hoardings. The shed will be filled up with rings each night and then the team will remove the rings during the day.	
3.16	TD asked how old the iron rings are. MTh answered almost 100 years.	
3.17	TD asked whether this type of work has been carried out before. MTh said yes and explained it took place at Green Park in 1996.	
3.18	TD asked what TBM stands for. LG answered TBM stands for Tunnel Boring Machine.	
3.19	Cllr DA asked MGa to provide him with the railway possessions communications plan. Cllr DA also asked MGa to ensure the communications pack is updated when uploading online.	NLE
3.20	LG provided a noise and air quality monitoring update (information included within the presentation).	
3.21	LG explained the Kennington Green core working hours are 08:00 to 18:00 Monday to Friday and 08:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays for surface works. Underground works continue to be 24/7. LG advised attendees the NLE has an allowance for deliveries to take place out of hours.	

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3.22	MGa stressed that during the first two weekend possessions, surface works will take place outside of core hours until 20:00, subject to approval by Lambeth. Cllr DA asked for the presentation to be updated before being distributed, to reflect the change to working hours during the first two possessions.	NLE (complete)
3.22	LG provided a logistics update for both Kennington sites (information included within the presentation).	
3.23	MGa provided an enquiries and complaints update for Kennington Green, since the last CLG (25 April). In regard to complaints, MGa explained some were received due to the breaking out of concrete on site.	
3.24	NC stated he also made a complaint regarding a lorry driver who was idling and continuously beeping his horn. MTh stressed TfL/FLO cannot condone the behaviour of the lorry driver and said it was unacceptable. MTh apologised to NC.	
3.25	NC requested that going forward, the presentation has the word 'complaints' instead of 'enquiries', as it is untrue and misleading. NC said a complaint and an enquiry are very different.	NLE (complete)
3.26	Comparing the complaints for the latest period and the same period last year, MGa explained the numbers were very similar but the detail was different. Last year the complaints received were predominantly regarding traffic management, whereas this year has been predominantly regarding construction works.	
3.27	MGa explained that all complaints are shared with the local authority.	
3.28	MGa provided a Skills and Employment update and explained more than 15 people will have work experience on the NLE this summer, some of which are from the Kennington area. MGa also said FLO is working with local youth groups to encourage more females to consider a career in engineering and construction.	
3.29	MGa provided an update on engagement opportunities for the community. The opportunities include CLG meetings, one-to-one meetings, drop-in sessions, school and youth engagement, stakeholder activities and LEAP group meetings. MGa informed attendees that during Sustainability Week, residents visited the Battersea site. Although the same is planned for Kennington, it is not yet possible due to tunnelling works.	
3.30	MGa advised residents of the NLE Helpdesk contact details: Tel: 0343 222 2424 (Option 1) Email: nle@tfl.gov.uk	
3.31	PB asked for an electronic copy of the presentation to be made	NLE

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	available to residents. MGa advised yes and informed PB the presentations will be sent out with the minutes and put on the website.	(complete)
3.32	Cllr DA said he would like to receive complaint details on a monthly basis. Cllr DA said he does not need contact names or addresses, just the details. MGa advised she will ensure this happens. MGa also said she already ensures the complaints are passed to the local authority on a monthly basis.	NLE (ongoing but all complaints since 27- 3-2017 sent to Cllr DA on 18 July 2017)
4.0	Update on step plate junction works	
	Not discussed.	
5.0	Head house and landscaping – engagement summary and current position	
5.1	MT provided a head house and landscaping engagement summary.	
5.2	MT explained TfL carried out a consultation period during March and April and following that, other discussions took place with the community. MT said 113 responses were received following the consultation and thanked attendees for their feedback.	
5.3	MT reminded attendees that Lambeth is the determining authority and the expectation is the proposals will go to the Planning Committee. MT stressed TfL wants its plans to be the best plans possible and advised the consultation report was submitted to residents yesterday (10 July).	
5.4	MT said the proposal will be submitted to Lambeth next week, who will then decide the planning process it will go through. MT said Lambeth will likely do another consultation period before the proposal goes to the Planning Committee. As was done last time, MT said residents will be advised when the proposal has been submitted. At that stage, the proposal will then be out of the NLE's control.	NLE
	Post meeting note: The proposal was submitted to Lambeth on Friday 1 September-a separate email was sent to the CLG group to notify them. In the coming days we expect Lambeth to invite feedback once they have uploaded our proposals through onto their planning applications portal. The NLE will send out the link to all of you once it is live. Lambeth will be managing this application process and any information or updates we receive about next steps will be communicated with you.	
5.5	MT asked all attendees whether they would like NH (Grimshaw Architects) to go through the plans and then residents can ask about any issues. Cllr DA asked if all in attendance was happy with this	

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	approach – nobody objected.	
5.6	NH explained the proposal plans. NH advised there were concerns expressed about the brick and the detail of the brick, therefore TfL liaised with the Georgian Group and then the consultation process commenced. The Georgian Group was in favour of vertical orientation and the proposal brings the base of the chamfer further down, so people walking past can appreciate the detail. NH also said the breaking up of the plinth is addressed by bringing the plinth further down.	
5.7	NH said the brick type went out to consultation and the selected brick is the Smeed Dean Islington Yellow Rustics, which is a softer yellow brick.	
5.8	A resident asked how many brick types were there. NH said there were five brick types put forward in the consultation.	
5.9	NH pointed out the proposal model on the centre table at the CLG and also advised and there are a set of computer-generated images (CGI) available. NH said a more detailed 3D model will be presented to Lambeth when the proposal is submitted.	
5.10	MT said one of the clear preferences was to raise the profile of the Green and the initial plan had a flat surface/green. Due to the extremely useful feedback received about maintenance vehicles being unable to cut the grass adjacent to the upstand of the low wall in our initial design, the grass has been raised to be level with the wall.	
5.11	JC explained the landscaping and design of the head house proposal. Originally the landscaping had a flat green and a lower height wall, however, JC explained one key change is the wall has been brought in which will form a bench for people to sit on, on the Kennington Road side of the Green.	
5.12	JC said small trees will be planted around the undulations and bulbs will be planted within. JC said NLE wanted to maximise the size of Green while maintaining the pavement.	
	Post-meeting note : EH said that these low Ammelanchier are unsuitable for the green with under planting. The trees are delicate and will likely to be damaged or vandalised also the long grass with the planting will collect rubbish	
5.13	JC advised removable planters will be placed in front of the head house and said the planters may need to be moved on occasions, when access to the head house is needed. The removable planters will introduce greenery in front of the head house.	
5.14	A resident expressed their concern that there will be an area around the head house where people could potentially gather, which could result in	

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	graffiti. If this scenario occurs, the resident asked who will remove the graffiti. JC said as the head house is TfL's responsibility, TfL strive to remove offensive graffiti within 24 hours.	
5.15	JL asked if she is correct in thinking TfL has no interest in maintaining the planters. MT said there has been a consistent request for community planters. MT advised discussions about a community agreement with Lambeth to maintain the plants have occurred previously. JL said she was disappointed as TfL has shown no willingness to maintain the plants.	
5.15	Cllr DA asked if he is correct in thinking that for the first year, Lambeth will maintain the removable plants if they are not maintained by the community. MT believed this was the case but Lambeth may remove them after this time if they are not maintained.	
5.16	MT said it has been a regular theme from residents wanting community plants and said this is a clear example of the NLE trying to meet residents' wishes. The NLE originally proposed community planters on the southern tip of the Green but doing this would have meant we would not have been able to extend the green space too. MT said that because people want both plants and additional green space, this is why planters have been put in front of the head house and extended the southern tip of the Green.	
5.17	TS said it is a simple request for TfL to maintain the plants. TS stressed he wants to know that when TfL leaves the area, it leaves the community with something worthwhile.	NLE
5.18	JL explained she gets fed up at each CLG when seeing the image of the head house with a large tree in front of it. As the large tree will not be there, JL requested it is moved from presentations going forward.	
5.19	JC explained that when drivers drive onto the road by the Green, it will feel like a shared space. There will also be low height kerbs, which will include granite finishes.	
5.20	AF said there was a similar design outside the "Old Vic" and at first it looked lovely, but when a utility company had to carry out works, it was ruined. AF asked whether TfL can guarantee this will not happen. JC explained the road has been adopted by Lambeth, so it will be Lambeth's responsibility to ensure utility companies reinstate the surface after the works. JL wanted assurances that TfL will fully reinstate the surface if utilities have to dig it up. MT stressed TfL cannot take responsibility for an asset that it does not own, so this issue is the responsibility of Lambeth Highways.	
5.21	DB explained that at the Transport and Works Act hearing, there were enticing images of open spaces for public art. DB said when he asked how the open spaces will be provided, attendees were told it would be	

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	included within the landscaping proposal. MT said public art is "like marmite", many people do not want to see it but others do. The NLE is not proposing any public art in this location.	
5.22	AF asked whether traffic around the head house will be clockwise. JC answered the traffic will be two way. Cllr DA advised AF there have been many competing views on this matter. MT said NLE has taken a steer from Lambeth in regard to road management and Lambeth is not looking to change road layout at the moment.	
5.23	AF feels there is no need to make the road two-way. MT said the road is to go back as it was before, but the surface will be much nicer.	
5.24	A resident said he lives on the corner of Montford Place and there were trees on that side of green which are now gone. JC advised there is a large amount of concrete below ground level in the area and there is also a maintenance hatch in the green that will be opened approximately every 25 years. For those reasons, TfL needs to maintain access. TS said for this reason, it should be TfL's responsibility to maintain the head house and the Green.	NLE
5.25	EH presented a drawing to demonstrate that larger trees can be planted, so he feels it is incorrect for NLE to state it is not possible.	
5.26	JL stated that at the last meeting, she objected to the raised curb as it would encourage people to litter, as well as sit on the raised kerb. JL said the residents who live in the area will be seriously affected by people drinking alcohol and littering. MT said the clearest steer received following feedback is people would like to have a raised kerb. JL said those views may have come from the wider community and TfL needs to listen to the residents who will be most affected.	
5.27	TS said he was a supporter of the proposed Charlie Chaplin statue but he no longer is as he knows people would sit on it and litter. TS said he regularly notices pizza boxes within the area at 02:00 in the morning. TS asked TfL to listen to residents within the area.	
5.28	NC believes people should not be able to sit on the kerb on the edges that face houses. TS said if the kerbs are made too comfortable, people will stay there all night.	
5.29	NC feels the bare minimum changes have been made to the head house and he does not believe the changes satisfy residents' desires. NC said TfL has completely missed the point of the Planning Committee and should be ashamed.	
5.30	NC called for a vote and asked attendees to raise their hand if they feel the Head house and landscaping proposal is satisfactory – apart from PB who abstained from the vote, nobody raised their hand.	

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5.31	TS reminded NLE that Kate Hoey MP also advocated the idea of the green wall.	
5.32	EH said he had three points to make about the proposal – one is the consultation process, one is the head house and one is the landscaping.	
5.33	In regard to the consultation, EH said following the last meeting, Cllr DA advised a small group of residents should meet with the project team. Two meetings were held and despite the residents' best endeavours, nothing has come from the discussions. For this reason, EH feels the consultation process has failed.	
5.34	In regard to the head house, EH explained that the committee advised the NLE it was important to have respectable detailing and to maintain the quality of the brick work. Drawings have been produced and architects were criticised by the Planning Committee at the detail of brick work design. EH referred to the model on the table and said each building has a roof except for one. The McAslan scheme addresses the point of the roof in some form. EH said because of these reasons, EH has no confidence in the design.	
	EH showed photographs of hit and miss brickwork as built at Tate Modern disproving the statement by TfL that this could be used at Kennington Green because of roosting birds. The change from this traditional way of building brickwork to the tall alien brick fins is based on a fallacious argument.	
5.35	In regard to landscaping, EH said he is "deeply dismayed" with what JC has presented as the design is no different to what we was shown beforehand. EH said it is a dull design, and on a technical point of view, if the wall goes lower down then people will criss-cross on the green. EH feels there is no commitment in terms of trees in the latest proposal. EH referred to his drawings which show it is possible to have trees that are 10 metres tall. EH also questioned the trees within the proposal, due to the particular tree type being delicate.	
5.36	TS asked TfL how many of the trees in the proposal are evergreen. MT advised that the project would add a post-meeting note to the minutes. Post-meeting note: All the trees proposed on the landscaping designs are deciduous trees.	NLE (complete)
5.37	NC asked TfL why it has seen fit to do so little over such a long a period of time in regard to the head house design. MT said the NLE is balancing competing needs. MT said he has not heard viable alternative options provided in meetings that could be taken forward. JL was very unhappy with MT's comments. NC said MT's comments were a "shameful lie" and he has provided alternative options on many occasions. MT said the head house design needs to balance many considerations. NC advised MT that he will refuse to listen to things that are not true. NC said TfL has chosen to do the bare minimum.	

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5.38	EH said that residents, who are architects, had made an offer to TfL to work with the architects to find a satisfactory solution. This offer was declined.	
5.39	Cllr DA stressed that key decisions cannot be decided during the CLG. Cllr DA also said he needs to check the proposal will definitely go the Planning Committee and he will speak to fellow councillors to ensure it does. Post meeting note: Cllr DA confirmed that the application will be determined at a future planning committee once submitted.	Clir DA (complete)
5.40	Cllr DA said he will review the notes he has made throughout the meeting and is happy to share what he thinks the issues are, in regard to the head house.	CIIr DA
5.41	JL said throughout this process, two applications have been submitted at the same time in July and this is when many people are on holiday.	
5.42	A resident asked why they are only seeing two faces of the head house when there should be four. MT said he will ask for all to faces to be shown in the submission to Lambeth.	NLE
5.43	MT said the consultation report has been released and all of the information will be submitted to Lambeth, who are then expected to do their own consultation. MT stressed the NLE is providing residents with the information as quickly as possible because it knows how keen the community is to receive it.	
5.44	MT explained that Lambeth can extend the period of the consultation. DB said he expects the consultation to be six weeks but it could be longer. JC advised last year's consultation was open from early July until the end of September. Cllr DA said he will check whether this will be called into Planning Committee Post meeting note: Cllr DA confirmed that the application will be determined at a future planning committee once submitted.	Clir DA (complete)
6.0	Discussion	
7.0	Discussed within agenda item 5.	
7.0	Construction noise, dust and working hours (standing item)	
	Not discussed.	
8.0	Kennington Station re-zoning (standing item)	
	Not discussed.	
9.0	Future agenda items inc. dates of next meetings	

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·	Not discussed.	
10.0	AOB	
10.1	PB said certain residents who live in above the step plate junction are experiencing high levels of noise from trains on the Loop. PB explained meetings took place to find out what could be done to reduce the noise. PB said residents have to wait until the end of this year for voids on the step plate junction to be filled.	
10.2	MTh advised PB the new track gets installed during Christmas 2017. After this work trains will continue to use the Kennington loop.	
10.3	PB requested that at next meeting, please can the noise of the trains on the Kennington loop be discussed. MT advised PB this is an ongoing operational issue that is being managed by another part of the business who are engaging with affected residents separately. MT advised he can ask the relevant team provide an update for him to relay at future meetings.	NLE
10.4	JL explained that because of dust levels, residents who live in a property that face the Green have their windows cleaned. JL said residents usually receive a note through the door to say windows will be cleaned on a particular day, however this has stopped. Recently when windows were cleaned, JL said notice was not provided and water entered properties due to windows being open when being cleaned.	
10.5	TS said the window cleaning issue also happened at his property. TS expressed his frustration at the cleaners not learning from their mistakes. MGa advised FLO is aware there is an issue regarding the window cleaners. MGa advised she will ensure notes are put through residents' doors and also the service the cleaners will provide.	NLE
10.6	MT confirmed the next Kennington Green CLG will take place on Tuesday 10 October 18.30-20.00 (with a public drop in between 18.00 and 18.30). This is likely to take place again at Henry Fawcett School, Bowling Green Road. Reminder emails will be sent in advance of the meeting.	NLE

Meeting started at 18:30 and closed at 20:04 Minutes drafted by JM