

# Northern Line Extension

## BI-MONTHLY UPDATE

July-August 2017

### Kennington Park

Thank you for your patience whilst we continue with the Northern Line Extension (NLE) works near you. We would like to update you on where we are and what is planned for the next couple of months.

#### What has been completed:

Works on the 6.5 m and the 9.5m sections and the headwalls for each part of the Step Plate Junction have been completed. We continued with the works for the Step Plate Junction, this is to connect the existing Kennington loop tunnel to the new NLE tunnel. This work will continue throughout 2017.



*Above –waterproofing of the tunnels and construction of the headwall*

Once works were completed on the sections, we began waterproofing the tunnels. Using a custom built frame, operatives installed the plastic lining ahead of the secondary lining being added. This waterproofing protects the tunnels primary lining from water leaking from the surrounding ground and was completed in June. See image below.

Between the 5 and 10 June, the NLE ran an Environmental Week, where we took the opportunity to participate in local charity initiatives. One of these initiatives was with BeeUrban, a local wildlife project which raises honey bees. Staff were given the opportunity to be a bee keeper for the day, getting to know the project a little more, and meeting the newest colony of honey bees.

#### What is planned:

Over the next couple of months, we will continue with installation of the secondary lining of the tunnel, this will require concrete pours and the attendance of lorries to the site to facilitate this activity. This will also require the installation of shuttering (see image below), wooden frames which will hold the concrete when poured to form the lining of the tunnel.

Please see overleaf



*Above – Bee Keeping at Bee Urban during Environmental Week*

While we do not anticipate this activity causing any significant noise to residents on the surface, if you have any concerns, please do contact the NLE 24/7 Helpline.

We will also begin cable diversion works within the southbound Step Plate Junction. This is work to relocate the existing cables within the operational tunnel of the Northern line into the new NLE tunnel recently completed.

In July we will be carrying out a period of consultation on the proposed head house and landscaping at Kennington Park. Drop in sessions will be held at St Agnes Church Hall between 13 and 15 July. Times will follow.

In September the NLE will be taking possession of the existing Northern line loop tunnel in order to carry out works to begin to integrate the two branches. In the run up to this work, we will be speaking to residents affected about the works and our plans for mitigation.

We would like to invite you to a new exhibition at The Institution of Civil Engineering on Tunnel Engineering, this is being held at their Grade II listed home in Westminster. Open days are Monday to Friday 10:00 to 17:00, it showcases tunnelling over the last 160 years. For more information go to [www.ice.org.uk/tunnelengineering](http://www.ice.org.uk/tunnelengineering)

Our working hours are now **24/7** to support tunnelling. This will continue until the completion of the shaft and tunnel in 2018.

**The next Kennington Park CLG will take place on 18 July at the Royal British Legion Club, Gaza Street at 18:30pm**

Our core working hours for non-tunnelling activities are **Mondays to Fridays 08:00 to 18:00** and **Saturdays 08:00 to 13:00** with quiet maintenance allowed between 13:00 and 18:00.

If you have any concerns or queries, please contact us at [nle@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:nle@tfl.gov.uk)

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