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Northern Line Extension (DRAFT) Battersea Community Liaison Group

Wednesday 18 July 2018

Venue: R.O.S.E Community Centre, Ascalon Street, London.

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
CHAIR: Steve Diamond (SD)	London Borough of Wandsworth
Carla Arnold (CA)	FLO
Sophie Boyle (SB)	FLO
Gavin Cambridge (GC)	TfL
Jose Chicharro (JC)	FLO
Michael Flynn (MF)	TfL
Harry Goonewardene (HG)	Resident – Savona Estate
Ignacio Lopez (IL)	FLO
Tharshika Sivagnanam (TS)	TfL - LUL
Kathryn Stewart (KS)	London Borough of Wandsworth
Nick Stuart (NS)	TfL
Mark Walker (MW)	Admin Support (minute taker)

Apologies:

None received.

	Item	Action
1.0	Introduction and Apologies	
1.1	Introduction from Steve Diamond (SD), London Borough of Wandsworth.	
2.0	Minutes of the previous meeting – accuracy and matters arising	
2.1	 SD ran through the minutes of the previous meeting on 16 January 2018 and invited comments: Carla Arnold (CA) confirmed there is a slide in today's presentation regarding lorry movements in relation to the NLE project and this can be provided to May Hale after the meeting The issue of lorry movements in and around Cringle Street was confirmed to be a Battersea Power Station issue and not related to NLE CA confirmed there are quite a few noise graphs in today's presentation, although she is unsure if this point was raised in relation to NLE or Tideway 	NLE
2.2	SD requested any outstanding actions listed above should remain in the minutes until formally closed.	
2.3	SD invited further comments and continued to review the minutes of the previous meeting.	
2.4	SD confirmed that point 3.20 from the previous minutes about residents struggling to gain access to the Tideway Visitor Centre is now irrelevant, as the NLE and Tideway meetings will be held separately going forward.	
2.5	SD confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting to be approved.	
2.6	SD suggested that TfL/FLO should consider other ways to promote these meetings to the local community, perhaps by combining with site visits.	NLE

3.0	NLE progress update and presentation
	Presentation by Ignacio Lopez (IL), FLO (attached):
3.1	The last six months have seen a focus on civils work, with 85/90% now complete and the remainder due to be finished by the end of October.
3.2	The Western Core is now visible from Battersea Park Road. The Foster's Building will eventually be constructed atop the Western Core. Concrete works should be complete by the end of September.
3.3	The concrete structures that form the platforms are complete and the team is now installing the platforms themselves.
3.4	Installation of new soffits for the roof has started. The roof will be exposed concrete and is 46% complete.
3.5	Within the next six months, all civils work will be finished. Internal fit-out works have commenced, which will take place until May/June 2019. Fit out activities for the Western Core are also scheduled to start.
3.6	With regard to logistics, projected vehicles movements over the next five months are expected to be slightly lower than the previous six months, where there was an average of between 1,000 and 1,200 movements per month. There may also be a change in the type of vehicles too, moving to smaller types of vans, etc.
3.7	IL offered a site visit to Harry Goonewardene (HG) at any time.
3.8	Construction of rooms within the station has now begun.
3.9	Looking forward, groundworks will continue to take place between core hours of 8am and 6pm. Track installation continues 24/7 within the tunnels and will be finished by November. There will be no impact on this surface from the track works. Track has already been installed between Battersea and Nine Elms in the northbound tunnel.
3.10	SD asked if the materials required for track installation are delivered to Battersea. IL confirmed engineering trains are being utilised, although materials for the section between Nine Elms and Battersea are being delivered by lorry.
3.11	SD believes the weekly project updates provided to the local community have been very good. SD also believes a site visit would be very beneficial. IL suggested the next significant milestone would be related to the Western Core. SD reiterated his belief that this would be of real interest to the local community.
	Presentation by Jose Chicharro (JC), FLO (attached):
3.12	JC highlighted the location of the environmental monitoring points for NLE's Battersea site. MP1 is located on top of the site office, MP2 is in front of Savona Estate and MP3 is next to Battersea Cats and Dogs Home.
3.13	JC explained that FLO worked with a noise consultant, Temple, to implement its noise monitoring processes.
3.14	JC is in charge of processing environmental data for the project. Reports will be uploaded to the TfL website for public consumption.

- 3.15 With regard to the noise monitoring graphs displayed on page 11 of the presentation, JC explained this is not how noise levels are reported for Battersea, however it is impossible to present all data in a single graph for this meeting, so he has focused on core hours (8am 6pm).
 3.16 JC explained the monitor at Battersea Cats and Dogs Home was not working properly for around 20 days, hence the lower levels in the first part of the graph.
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- 3.17 Each blue column on the two noise monitoring graphs shows the average noise level for a 24 hour period. It was necessary to take into account baseline noise levels for the area, especially as Battersea Park Road is very noisy. Temple provided trigger limits and it is very difficult for the project to breach these.
- 3.18 The spike shown on the noise monitoring graph on page 12 of the presentation (April June 2018) was due to JC recalibrating the system.
- 3.19 JC explained that to measure dust levels, two methodologies are employed. One involves the use of unattended dust monitors. Information from these monitors is not published on the TfL website but is provided to the council to ensure permitted limits are not breached. The other methodology involves the use of glass slides, which are placed around the site by a consultant. These are picked up every two weeks and sent to a laboratory for analysis. There are six glass slides in total, although location GS6 is no longer representative of the site as it is far from the boundary, in an area that has been handed over to Tideway.
- 3.20 In terms of passive air quality (AQ) monitoring, the spike show on the graph on page 14 may equate to high lorry movements in the area but since that occurrence, there have been hardly any lorries leaving the site and no exceedances.
- 3.21 To see the full report, JC advised people to visit https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/northern-line-extension
- 3.22 JC invited guestions on environmental monitoring.
- 3.23 HG commented that Battersea Park Road is very noisy anyway, so there are no real problems.
- 3.24 SD commented that this is good news. A councillor said air quality in the area had declined over the past few months, following the closure of Prince of Wales Drive. CA confirmed this road is now open again.
- 3.25 Nick Stuart (NS) commented that it has seemed difficult to get through Battersea Park Road recently, beyond the park area.
- 3.26 HG asked if water is still being sprayed to suppress dust. IL confirmed water spraying is still taking place. SD mentioned the council works with the sites to ensure this does take place and have also added road cleaning to its own cleaning cycle.

Presentation by Carla Arnold (CA), FLO (attached):

3.27 CA provided an overview of complaints and enquiries received since the previous CLG in January. In total, 14 cases have been raised in connection to the site, of which eight were enquiries and five were complaints. CA provided a breakdown of the complaints received and confirmed all have now been closed out:

The lighting complaint was actually covered in the previous CLG NLE The traffic management complaint was related to the use of the FLO minivan for drop-off and pick-up. HG confirmed this is still a problem, with private residents complaining they cannot turn their vehicles due to the location of the FLO vehicle. HG has spoken to traffic wardens in the area and believes the FLO minivan should park on Sleaford Street rather than Savona Street. CA advised the van is actually in use to encourage staff not to drive to the site. SD requested CA takes this away as an action. CA advised she had not realised this was still an on-going issue. HG mentioned he has seen garbage vehicles struggling because of the presence of the FLO van but the van drivers do nothing to help. HG would like FLO to do something about this on-going issue. SD also believes Sleaford Street would be a better option, as it is wider, however he is not sure if it is being used for access for work starting on the industrial estate at the end of the road during September. CA will speak to FLO's Head of Logistics. SD believes this issue could damage FLO's reputation, as the van is clearly branded. CA will action and respond directly to HG. In terms of community engagement, CA advised there is a road safety awareness event scheduled to take place on Monday 23 July, which is aimed at cyclists using Battersea Park Road. A police truck will be parked by the Riverlight building between 7.30am and 9.30am and cyclists will be able to sit inside the cab, to help them gain a better understand of lorry blind spots etc. Sophie Boyle (SB), FLO's Strategic Labour Needs and Training (SLNT) Manager explained that there has been a really big push on work experience, as FLO is being approached by a lot of young people interested in the industry. Work experience has been arranged for seven school pupils, meaning that FLO has already exceeded its target in this area. In addition, FLO has three graduates on summer placements until the end of September. SB also advised that FLO has sustained 11 previously workless people in employment since the end of 2017, of which eight are London residents. SB is hoping more opportunities will arise as part of the station fit-out. In addition, six NLE apprenticeships will commence over the summer months. SB confirmed FLO has also done some events with Southfields Academy, in partnership with the Southern Youth Trust and is looking to set up work experience opportunities for these pupils. Some site visits have also taken place, followed up by industry workshops and FLO has also supported a Dragons' Den activity at a local special needs school. In terms of other forthcoming events, SB mentioned a construction challenge with Southwark Council and a careers event with Lambeth College. SB highlighted the fact the FLO received an award in the education category of the Inspiring Change Awards, in relation to women in construction. SD SD would like to get FLO more involved with Wandsworth in terms of skills and employment opportunities. SB explained she started in her current role at the end of May. SD advised Wandsworth's local job brokerage is Work Match and he can introduce SB. In addition, Wandsworth is heavily involved in the 'Year of Engineering' initiative. SB advised she would be very keen to get involved. SD will take SB's details after the meeting.

CA reinforced the different ways people can contact the project, via the Helpline (0343 222 2424 option 1), email (nle@tfl.gov.uk), drop-in sessions or by visiting

https://tfl.gov.uk/northern-line-extension.

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4.0	Traffic Management	
4.1	HG commented that a building is being demolished near to the entrance of Pump House Lane and asked if this is related to the project. NS advised this is part of the Battersea Power Station project, not NLE. SD commented that the demolition was supposed to happen a while ago, so he is surprised the building is still standing.	
5.0	Dates of future meetings	
5.1	SD reiterated his earlier point that it would be good to get more communication out to local people about the project, especially as it is entering such an interesting phase. He is certain a site visit would be very popular, perhaps at the weekend or combined with the next CLG meeting.	
5.2	NS commented that as the Western Core becomes more visible, it seems a good time to show people the site. There is a viewing platform at the site and there may also be opportunities to take people down into the Station Box, to show them what is being developed.	
5.3	IL commented that this would need to be limited to groups of six, although a visit for two groups might be possible.	
5.4	SD suggested HG could attempt to gauge interest amongst the local community. NS believes there will be a lot of interest locally. HG will do so and liaise with CA.	HG
5.5	SD mentioned a lady called Esther is now the Comms Officer for the Nine Elms area. SD will provide Esther's details to CA. CA advised the team wants to make sure the right people are targeted to attend CLG meetings.	SD
5.6	SD asked if it would be possible to hold future CLG meetings in NLE's site offices at Battersea. HG commented that he does not think this would make much difference in terms of attendance. SD commented that it may help if people can see what is actually happening on site.	
5.7	Michael Flynn (MF) explained there are some dates pencilled in for October but he will check these.	NLE
5.8	CA advised FLO will look at the possibility of holding future meetings at the NLE site offices but it would be necessary to know exactly who was coming in and out, as this is a functioning site.	NLE
5.9	SD suggested gauging the level of local interest first. HG enquired about the timings. CA advised it would need to be at a similar time of the day, to ensure visibility from the viewing platform in October. CA will look into the feasibility of this taking place.	NLE
6.0	A.O.B	
6.1	No further business raised.	

Meeting started at 18:30 and finished at 19:16. Minutes drafted by MW.