

Meeting minutes

Euston Community Representatives Group (ECRG)

Meeting date	Tuesday, 03 December 2019
Meeting location	The Wesley Hotel, 81 Euston Street, London NW1 2EZ
Meeting time	6pm – 8pm

Attendees

Independent Chair

RJ Rosemary Jackson

HS2

LW	Laurence Whitbourn	Euston Area Client Director
CT	Colin Thomas	Project Director – S1
MS	Maddelyn Sutton	Head of Community & Stakeholder Engagement, Area South & Area Central
FJ	Freda Jesudason	Community Engagement Manager
KL	Keith Lomas	Enabling Works Contract Programme
TB	Tracey Bailey	Senior Community Engagement Manager
AL	Alison Love	Community Engagement Executive

SCS Railways

NG	Nia Griffiths	Programme Interface Manager
AR	Aaron Renker	Traffic and Highways Manager

Lendlease

JF	Jans Fraser	Commercial Manager
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KM	Katy Mann	HS2 Programme Lead
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HT	Cllr Heather Johnson	Councillor
MU	Moira Ugoji	HS2 Community Liaison Manager

Network Rail

TD	Tom Duckmanton	Sponsorship Manager
HM	Hazel Maguire	Senior Communications Manager

Station Construction Partner

AMM	Ann-Marie Morrison	Stakeholder Director
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Community representatives

LA	Luisa Auletta*	Co-chair, Camden Cutting Group
DA	David Auger	
DH	Dorothea Hackman*	Camden Civic Society, St. Pancras Church, Netley School
MB	Mary Burd	Albert Street North Residents' Association, HS2 into London
MH	Matt Hollier*	Co-chair, Camden Cutting Group
JM	John Myers*	Drummond Street TRA
HGT	Hero Granger-Taylor	Park Village East Heritage Group, Camden Civic Society
PB	Paul Braithwaite	
SCh	Steve Christofi	Regent's Park Estate
ER	Elizabeth Raney	Regent's Park Estate
JZ	Johnathan Zokay	Regent's Park Estate
UB	Ursula Brown	Regent's Park Estate
JT	Jeff Travers	Primrose Hill, Gloucester Avenue
LS	Leo Smith	Local resident
DG	David Graber	
AB	Andrew Bosi	Islington Society, London Forum

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Apologies

1 Welcome, introductions

- 1.1 RJ welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves.
- 1.2 LW explained that he is now the Euston Area Client Director and he will be leading on HS2 actions at ECRG and ensuring they are responded to.

2 Local Area Plan

- 2.1 MS confirmed that the Local Area Plan has been completed, and that there were copies on each desk. The plan is the result of a lot of hard work by everyone involved. The plan will be available on Commonplace after the general election. MS confirmed that the Euston Area Engagement plan is the only local area plan that exists setting out how HS2 will work with local residents, as extensively worked on over the last two years with the community.
- 2.2 MS gave an update on community engagement.
 - 2.2.1 Pop-up events held in the Regent's Park Estate have proved useful.
 - 2.2.2 Engagement has been ongoing with local schools, particularly Netley and Maria Fidelis.
 - 2.2.3 A successful local business opportunity event was held, with over 40 businesses attending.
 - 2.2.4 Since the last ECRG, seven awards have been given via the Camden Fund.

MS to meet with JT to clarify how various engagement activities fit together - 234

3 HS2 Update

- 3.1 LW provided an update on works around Euston.
 - 3.1.1 HS2 have now started the demolition of the first floor slab on the Grant Thornton House Building and expect the same on 1 Euston Square.
 - 3.1.2 The UCL / BHS building on Hampstead Road has been demolished to ground level and is now being used as a compound. DH requested that this building be referred to as the BHS building as this is how it is referred to locally. LW agreed to this request.
 - 3.1.3 The six month lookahead assumes a positive outcome of the Oakervee Review.

- 3.1.3.1. SCH requested that the haul road be included in the six month lookahead. NG advised that this is included in the SCS lookahead but will be incorporated into the 12 month forward look.
- 3.1.3.2. DA requested that the 12 month lookahead be included in the pack for ECRG. HS2 agreed to this and to incorporate the lookaheads across all works
- 3.1.4 Work to realign the 42" water main is complete on Osnaburgh Street, and due to complete on Albany Street in December.
- 3.1.5 Work to reline the sewer on Eversholt Street has been deferred to the new year.
- 3.1.6 JM requested signs for the Euston piazza with directions to Drummond Street. HM confirmed that electronic signs are due to go up shortly.
- 3.1.7 DA noted that the NR community correspondence letters are too vague, and it is not clear when works are taking place. DA considers that the Construction Commissioner's recommendations had not been taken into account correctly.
- 3.1.8 SCh expressed concern over asbestos removal and considered that his questions had not been answered fully. RJ noted that a response to the action (229) about asbestos was in the action list. SCh noted this.
- 3.1.8.1. KL explained that when asbestos is present, a vacuum is created within a tented environment inside the room, where asbestos is being removed. The tenting is inside the building, and not visible from the outside.

Review clarity of NR notifications in light of construction commissioner recommendations (consulting with DA as appropriate) - 235

CSJV to meet with SC to explain asbestos removal protocol - 236

4 Proposed new temporary taxi rank

- 4.1 LW provided an update on the interim taxi rank options.
- 4.2 Further to feedback, the options are now for the interim taxi rank to either be on Eversholt Street, or in Euston Square Gardens East (East Gardens). Concern was expressed that HS2 has only consulted in Somers Town and that it is likely that Somers Town residents would prefer the taxi rank not to be in Eversholt Street. There should have been wider consultation. It was also suggested that the consultees believed that Euston Square Gardens East was to be lost in any event (either as a compound or a taxi rank) and may have expressed different views if told that the choice was between saving Euston Square Gardens East as a green space or using it as a taxi rank.
- 4.3 TfL are more supportive of the East Gardens option, due to traffic concerns on Eversholt Street.
- 4.4 HS2 are looking at whether it is possible to reduce the numbers of rank spaces required.

- 4.5 DH expressed concern over the potential loss of green space, on top of the loss of Euston Square Gardens West and St James's Gardens. JM reiterated these concerns on behalf of Slaney Devlin, who was unable to attend the meeting.
- 4.6 LW confirmed that the underground carpark, under the station piazza had been considered as an option but is technically unfeasible. LW will provide a written explanation of this.
- 4.7 DA asked whether the East Gardens would be still used a construction compound if the interim taxi rank is not located there.
- 4.8 LW stated that trees on Eversholt Street would be saved if the taxi rank was not placed there. The community asked whether this reprieve would be permanent, or would the trees be removed at a later date.
- 4.9 UB expressed anger over the potential use of the East Gardens for the taxi rank and stated the HS2 should not be encouraging people to use taxis.
- 4.10 DA considered that as the use of the East Gardens as a construction compound was discussed at Select Committee, the land should only be used by HS2 for that purpose, as use of the land for an interim taxi rank was not discussed in parliament.

Provide summary of reasons the disused car park beneath the station piazza cannot be used for a taxi rank - 237

Confirm how long the temporary taxi rank will be in place - 238

Confirm whether the East gardens would be still used as a compound if the rank is on Eversholt Street - 239

Confirm whether the trees on Eversholt St would need to come down if the taxi rank wasn't there - 240

Confirm if there is further opportunity to provide comments on the interim taxi rank proposals - 241

5 Dust suppression

- 5.1 Video taken by DH showing dust suppression at Regent's Park Estate was shown to the group.
 - 5.1.1 JM expressed concern that the dust suppression did not reach high enough.
- 5.2 SCh stated that as HS1 had washed residents' windows if they had been affected by dust, that HS2 should also. This request was noted by HS2.
- 5.3 KL explained that a peer review of dust suppression methods in Regent's Park Estate will be undertaken, and if necessary changes will be made to the methods used for the rest of the demolition works.

- 5.4 UB considered that the buildings in Regent's Park Estate should have been wrapped.
- 5.4.1 KL stated that to wrap Eskdale would have required an additional 150 vehicle movements.
 - 5.4.2 SCh rejected this, stating that other buildings that were wrapped had not required an additional 150 vehicles.
 - 5.4.3 SCh requested that HS2 carry out a deep clean of stairwells and windows in Langdale and Augustus House.

HS2 to consider offering a deep clean of windows and corridors/halls of Langdale and Augustus House following demolitions - 242

To review dust suppression measures at Regent's Park Estate and feedback to ECRG - 243

6 Universal Credit update

- 6.1 KL reiterated Lisa Hogben's response at the last meeting regarding the potential impact on those receiving universal credit if they are reimbursed for mechanical ventilation. With regard to the question as to whether payments could be made direct to utility companies, KL advised that claimants must seek advice on whether the payment is likely to affect their benefits in line with advice previously provided. This also applies if HS2 paid monies directly to the utility company.
- 6.2 The DWP will consider specific requests on a case by case basis.
- 6.3 CT agreed with RJ and community members that the situation is not acceptable.
- 6.4 JM asked for a copy of the question that was posed to DWP and of the reply given – action 230.

7 Schedule 17 application

- 7.1 NG provided an update on the Schedule 17 application.
- 7.2 From 27 January test piling will take place in the DB Cargo shed area.
- 7.3 Precondition surveys will take place early in the New Year.
- 7.4 There will be a 5 storey site office located near to Langdale.
- 7.5 Further piling works will take place from April.
- 7.6 It is proposed that some trees in the Zoo carpark will be removed and these will go through tree panel in January.

- 7.7 LA stated that test piling would be the first significant noisy work in the cutting, and would be a demonstration of how HS2 handle complaints and noise insulation requests. This could encourage people to get their noise insulation installed.
- 7.8 DH stated she had received a letter saying that if people installed their own external glazing, they would be therefore disqualified from complaining about noise and queried whether they would be eligible for the Prolonged Disruption Scheme compensation. HS2 requested a copy of this letter, as residents would still be able to complain about noise.
- 7.9 The result of the main lorry works Schedule 17 application is expected by 20 December. The application refers to the routes, rather than numbers of vehicles. The application reflects the refined scheme, rather than the AP03 design.
- 7.10 The local traffic management plan (LTMP) is updated regularly with input from the traffic working group.
- 7.10.1 LA considered that a negative effect of the LTMP being a live document is that it may be updated without the community realising and requested ongoing engagement on this
- 7.11 DA stated that Mornington Terrace is being used as a lorry route as in the Act there is a construction compound in the cutting, and that the current use may have different environmental impacts.
- 7.12 CT stated that HS2 are looking into the best use for the haul road and suggested that a member of the traffic working group could come to a meeting with engineers to discuss.
- 7.13 AR stated that the haul road could be in place for the duration of the project.
- 7.14 NG stated that the haul road would not eliminate the need to also use local roads.
- 7.15 The community expressed concern over speed bumps having been removed and additional traffic going through the Regent's Park Estate due to the closure of Granby Terrace Bridge.
- 7.16 DA requested that additional traffic modelling be carried out, so that if the numbers are greater, the community would be aware
- 7.17 LA noted that in other areas the modelling is simpler as there are fewer compounds using the same roads.

HS2 to advise if residents install their own external NI, are they still able to register complaints about noise/are they still eligible for PDCS? - 244

DA to clarify the information he is seeking in relation to the use of Mornington Terrace as a construction traffic route – 246

CTWG to discuss offer of attending a working technical meeting regarding the planning for the SCS haul road, and if wished, provide name of nominated representative(s) - 247

8 Update on strategic boards

- 8.1 KM confirmed that the update had been circulated.
- 8.2 JT expressed concern over reporting lines between LB Camden councillors and officers. JT agreed to put his questions in writing.

JT to provide questions regarding the Euston Boards. HS2 to respond - 249

9 Action items

- 9.1 In relation to action 232, DA referenced trees which had been removed on Network Rail worksites. HM stated that these trees were removed due to Network Rail works, not HS2. DA stated that if a tree is in safeguarded land, it should be put through tree panel regardless. CT and TD confirmed that this would not be possible.
- 9.2 In relation to action item 231a, HGT queried that there wasn't a 'Ongoing Design Development group' but a 'Station Design Development group' and requested this is changed. TB advised the group covers design across Camden and not only the station.

NR to provide a summary of the reasons the trees were removed at Adelaide Road - 250

10 Minutes of last meeting

- 10.1 The community challenged the minutes in relation to the status of the Schedule 17 application. The Chair felt the minutes accurately reflected her recall, but agreed it would be noted in the minutes of this meeting that a community member disagreed with the last meeting notes in relation to this.

11 AOB

- 11.1 JT requested a response from HS2 on the following questions provided post meeting:

- 11.1.1 What is the purpose of the redesign work Rob Carr referred to?
- 11.1.2 What is the issue with regard to Network Rail acquiring 16 platforms?

HS2 to provide an explanation to JT of the reasons for current work taking place on the station design, and why the basement is being re-designed - 251

Any correction to the minutes should be limited to six bullet points, 50 words per person and those from the community should be directed to the Contact Group (ECR) for onward presentation to Rosemary Jackson, Independent Chair. Comments from corporate bodies and other organisations

can be sent to HS2inCamden@hs2.org.uk Rosemary will only consider corrections received on or before **3 January 2020**.