

Meeting minutes

Euston Community Representatives Group (ECRG)

Meeting date	Tuesday, 22 September 2020
Meeting location	Via Microsoft Teams
Meeting time	5pm - 7pm

Attendees

KM	Dr. Karl Mackie CBE	Independent Chair
LW	Laurence Whitbourn	Euston Area Client Director, HS2
MS	Maddelyn Sutton	Head of Community Engagement, HS2
KL	Keith Lomas	Programme Manager – Enabling Works Contract, HS2
FJ	Freda Jesudason	Community Engagement Manager, HS2
RP	Ross Pearson	Senior Engagement and Interface Manager - Euston, HS2
TS	Terry Stafford	Senior Engagement and Interface Manager – SCS, HS2
RC	Richard Crathern	Senior Project Manager – Euston Approaches, HS2
NG	Nia Griffiths	Programme Interface Manager, SCS
TBu	Timothy Burr	Head of Programme Interface, CSjv
DD	David Demolder	The Stakeholder Manager, Mace Dragados
AMM	Ann-Marie Morrison	Stakeholder Director, Mace Dragados
HM	Hazel Maguire	Senior Communications Manager, Network Rail
TD	Tom Duckmanton	Sponsorship Manager, Network Rail
SW	Shaun Whyman	Development Manager, Lendlease
WF	Wendy Franks	Community Engagement Manager, Lendlease
JT	Jeff Travers	Primrose Hill, Gloucester Avenue
HC	Henry Clarke	Stephenson’s Way Group
LA	Luisa Auletta*	Co-chair Camden Cutting Group
JM	John Myers*	Drummond Street TRA

MH	Matt Hollier*	Co-chair, Camden Cutting Group
HGT	Hero Granger-Taylor	Park Village East Heritage Group
MB	Mary Burd	Albert Street North Residents' Association, HS2 into London
SC	Steve Christofi	Regent's Park Estate TRA
SD	Slaney Devlin	Somers Town NA
DH	Dorothea Hackman*	Camden Civic Society, St Pancras church, Netley School
ND	Noemi Drew	Office of Kier Starmer MP
NA	Nassar Ali	Community Engagement Manager, LB Camden
DB	Cllr Danny Beales	LB Camden
PT	Cllr Paul Tomlinson	LB Camden
HJ	Cllr Heather Johnson	LB Camden

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1 Welcome and introductions

- 1.1 Dr Karl Mackie, CBE, introduced himself as the new Independent Chair.
- 1.2 MS, KL, LW, RC, RP, TS, TB, NG, HM, TD and AMM for HS2 introduced themselves.
- 1.3 LA, MH and JM from the contact group introduced themselves along with SC from the Regent's Park Estate TRA.
- 1.4 PT and DB, local councillors, introduced themselves.

2 HS2 update

Community Engagement

- 2.1 MS provided an update on community engagement.
- 2.2 A meeting had been held with members of the group relating to the HS2 Engagement team and how it is now formed and working. It was noted that now the project is moving into delivery phase contractors are necessarily taking more of a public facing role. This is supplementary to the work of the HS2 team which remains the driving force for engagement. The HS2 representatives are now working in joint teams with the contractors' engagement staff. The Engagement strategy approaches remain in place and are intended to operate at a number of levels.

- 2.3 In some instances, and increasingly, groups will be led by contractor staff but knowledge transfer is planned to ensure smooth handovers. Photographs of the staff working on the approaches and Euston Station were displayed.
- 2.4 During the presentation a question was raised as to how long responses to queries should take. RL used the example of access to Drummond Street and Settlement Deeds as areas where there had been experience of slow responses relative to the issue. It was noted that these are normally handled through the Helpdesk.
- 2.4.1 **ACTION 266** : MS agreed to investigate and respond in relation to the examples given , to give clarity on the framework for responses to types of query, and relevant teams responding to issues for decision. **(MS)**
- 2.5 HGT raised a question about a SCS contact asking if he works for HS2 and if he is based in Birmingham. TS confirmed that he is employed by HS2 as the team representative for the SCS Integrated Project Team for the approaches.
- 2.6 LW confirmed that he is also an HS2 employee having left the employment of Network Rail.
- 2.7 MS also updated on a number of community investment projects including benches, playhouse and litter picking.

Enabling Works

- 2.8 TBu provided an update on enabling works covering:
 - 2.8.1 Utilities
 - 2.8.2 Water diversion and sewer construction
- 2.9 SC asked if a risk assessment had been carried out for the footpath works in the Regent's Park Estate Varndell Street up to Hampstead Road (eg enhanced lighting)
- 2.9.1 **ACTION 267** : NG and TBu to respond **(NG/TBu)**
- 2.10 NG provided an update covering:
 - 2.10.1 Vent Shaft
 - 2.10.2 Hampstead Road traffic management from 28 September 2020 to 21 October 2021 and five nights of closures on 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 October 21.00-05.00 with a diversion in place. A study relating to the bus stop had been undertaken and this would be reviewed in relation to the restrictions. SD asked if there had been investigation of the problem of distance between bus stops with expected closures.
 - 2.10.3 **ACTION 268** : Review bus stop report/actions for long and short term Hampstead road closures. **(NG)**
 - 2.10.4 SC asked what HS2 is doing to consider Hampstead Road TfL cycle lanes during the restrictions.
 - 2.10.5 SC asked about the speed limit as vehicles are using Adelaide Road and a 10mph advisory sign would be beneficial; also whether thought has been given to traffic snarl ups likely with the Hampstead Road closure.

- 2.10.6 **ACTION 269:** Confirm whether the 10mph advisory speed limit signs would be installed again. **(NG)**
- 2.10.7 **ACTION 270:** Raise with TfL the concern about the programming of works to avoid increased traffic holdups through Regent's Park Estate, and check traffic surveys. **(LW)**

Station Works

- 2.11 DD updated in the piling preparatory works asking the group to note that piling will commence on 27 October. It was noted that is not necessary to work outside normal hours. He would update on the Interim Taxi Rank and Traction Sub-Station at the next meeting.

Noise Insulation

- 2.12 KL updated on noise insulation including update on glazing contractors and ventilation
- 2.12.1 An update had been provided at the working group as well as to the Construction Commissioner.
- 2.12.2 Ampthill designs were being reviewed.
- 2.13 **ACTION 271:** PT asked when the works at Ampthill would commence. **(KL)**
- 2.14 **ACTION 272:** Recirculate response from DWP regarding reimbursements and Universal Credit. **(FJ)**
- 2.15 NG provided an update on test piling noise monitoring and the maximum noise levels recorded.
- 2.16 MH asked when the first noisy works will commence in the cutting which will trigger the need for insulation to be in place. KL responded that dynamic planning is underway to understand what works are taking place where and when linked with the installation programme. The current assumption is that the dates required will be met and programme to this effect was shared with the Working Group.
- 2.16.1 **ACTION 271a:** show timeline for match between insulation fitting and works programme. **(RC)**

Trees

- 2.17 NG provided an update on the Adelaide Road tree works covering:
- 2.17.1 The detail of the tree species and numbers affected. JT pointed out that in his opinion the majority of trees are ash and not 'sycamore shrubs'. NG confirmed that a follow up tree survey has been undertaken and will be issued to Tree Panel before any tree works are undertaken.
- 2.17.2 **ACTION 273:** Check which survey was provided to the last Tree Panel for Adelaide Road **(NG)**
- 2.17.3 NG reported that it was necessary to undertake works to all the trees due to the constrained nature of the site. She showed a site plan to demonstrate the activities which would be undertaken including sheet piling and construction of a vent shaft. Further public engagement on the head house site will be undertaken.
- 2.17.4 JT asked questions about how the site will be maintained during the period and any effects on the overall SINC (including local nature reserve and SCS site). NG observed that the nature

reserve is outside the work area and that stockpiling timber will not be undertaken. JT noted wildlife corridor and landscape management access assurances. NG confirmed separate headhouse and landscape applications. NG agreed to respond to the questions raised by JT's emails.

- 2.17.5 **ACTION 274:** NG to respond to the written questions raised by JT relating to the Adelaide Road nature reserve and clarify engagement programme. **(NG)**
- 2.18 DD updated on the Euston Square Gardens tree works. The location and species of new trees and additional greening would be agreed with the LB Camden Tree Officer and other interested parties.
- 2.19 DH reminded HS2 that as it is a London Square there is a statutory duty to consult with the Conservation Area Advisory Council. Also that saplings are no replacement for mature trees and the need to fell the four Trees of Heaven had not been evidenced.
- 2.19.1 **ACTION 275:** DD agreed to update on emergency evacuation refuge replacement, discussions with LB Camden officers relating to the displacement of homeless users of the space, the rareness of the fig tree and the legacy scheme engagement programme with LB Camden. **(DD)**
- 2.19.2 **ACTION 276:** Confirm how replacement trees are counted – in groups or individually **(DD)**

3 Strategic Boards

- 3.1 An update had been circulated.
- 3.2 It was noted that the Government Task Force is meeting on Thursday and that any decision will be shared with the group once made, hopefully at the next meeting.
- 3.3 The Government has no plans to issue a single response to the Oakervee Report.

4 Action Items

- 4.1 Action 262 – this action to remain open to discuss offline
- 4.2 Action 261 – noise update provided
- 4.3 Action 264 – this action relates to possible changes in travel patterns. LW confirmed that there has been no update to the business case as a result of COVID-19 as this query relates to passenger numbers rather than train paths' infrastructure.
- 4.4 Action 265 – see minute 3.3 above.

5 Minutes of the last meeting

- 5.1 The minutes of the last meeting were signed.

6 AOB

- 6.1 NG agreed to respond to a question relating to Ground Anchors, as to why not referred to in the HS2 Update.
- 6.1.1 **ACTION 277:** NG to check the position on Ground Anchors in the *Forward Look*, following HGT query. **(NG)**
- 6.2 Hoarding design. It was noted that the new designs would be launched in October with installation shortly thereafter.
- 6.3 DH commented that on Commonplace wording relating to the BBC documentary programme covering St James' Gardens had dismissed it as a disused graveyard. It was noted that SC had provided new wording which had been updated.
- 6.4 Darwin Court – JT said that he had been asked by residents about the relationship between Network Rail and HS2 work being undertaken and whether/when the mature trees there are to be removed. Residents were looking to be informed.
- 6.4.1 **ACTION 278:** HM agreed to respond to the Darwin Court question in 6.4 **(HM)**
- 6.4.2 **ACTION 279:** NG to respond to LA's query on the frequency of the noise peaks. **(NG)**

Next meeting: Tuesday 1 December at 5pm.

ECRG walkabout: Wednesday 25th November at 3pm