

Meeting minutes

Euston Community Representatives Group (ECRG)

Meeting date Tuesday, 01 December 2020

Meeting location Via Microsoft Teams

Meeting time 5pm – 6.30pm

Attendees

KM	Dr. Karl Mackie CBE	Independent Chair
AMM	Ann-marie Morrison	Mace Dragados, Stakeholder Director
DB	Cllr Danny Beales	LB Camden
DBo	Dick Booth	Mornington Place Residents' Association
DBu	David Burns	LB Camden, Director of Regeneration & Investment
DD	David Demolder	Mace Dragados, The Stakeholder Manager
DH	Dorothea Hackman*	Camden Civic Society, St Pancras Church, Netley School
FJ	Freda Jesudason	HS2, Community Engagement Manager
HC	Henry Clarke	Stephenson's Way Group
HGT	Hero Granger-Taylor	Park Village East Heritage Group
HM	Hazel Maguire	Network Rail, Senior Communications Manager
JM	John Myers*	Drummond Street TRA
JT	Jeff Travers	Primrose Hill, Gloucester Avenue
KL	Keith Lomas	HS2, Programme Manager – Enabling Works Contract
KM	Katy Mann	LB Camden, Head of HS2 Programme Delivery
LA	Luisa Auletta*	Camden Cutting Group, Co-Chair
LW	Laurence Whitbourn	HS2, Euston Area Client Director
MB	Mary Burd	Albert Street North Residents' Association, HS2 into London
MH	Matt Hollier*	Camden Cutting Group, Co-Chair
ML	Mary-Ann Lewis	LB Camden, Head of Euston Regeneration
MS	Maddelyn Sutton	HS2, Head of Community Engagement

MU	Moira Ugoji	LB Camden, Community Engagement
NA	Nassar Ali	LB Camden, Community Manager
ND	Noemi Drew	Office of Keir Starmer MP
NG	Nia Griffiths	SCS, Head of Consents & Engagement
PM	Paul Braithwaite	Former Chair, AQGOST
RL	Robert Latham	Silsoe House
RM	Roisin Morrison	Camden BID
RP	Ross Pearson	HS2, Senior Community Engagement Manager
SD	Slaney Devlin	Somers Town NA, AQGOST, Chair
TBu	Timothy Burr	CSjv, Head of Programme Interface
TD	Tom Duckmanton	Network Rail, Sponsorship Manager

*ECRG Contact Group

Apologies

HG	Cllr Heather Johnson	LB Camden
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1 Welcome and introductions

- 1.1 Dr Karl Mackie, CBE.
- 1.2 The HS2 and Contact Group representatives introduced themselves.
- 1.3 LA, MH, DH and JM from the contact group introduced themselves.

2 HS2 update

Community Engagement

- 2.1 MS provided an update on engagement planned for 2021.
- 2.2 A meeting will be held with the Contact Group in January 2021 to review the HS2 Engagement Plan and the arrangements to take account of neurodiversity and EDI policies.
- 2.3 **ACTION 280:** Host HS2 Engagement Plan review meeting in January 2021 (MS)
- 2.4 It was noted that engagement was expected to take place for the Maria Fidelis site and its possible shared use. Further detail would be provided in the early New Year, including on the programme for LB Camden providing the open space.

SCS update

- 2.5 NG updated the meeting on upcoming works in the SCS area including a summary of road works on Park Village East, Regents Park Estate and the areas known as the vehicle holding area
- 2.6 Park Village East hoarding works remain outstanding and expected to be completed in the early New Year.
- 2.7 Christmas works will be undertaken 24 – 27 December to install sheet piling using the Geken silent piler equipment. This has been planned for a considerable time and is programme critical. The community raised concerns about the timing of the works and the noise levels.

NR update

- 2.8 The slides relating to Network Rail's works were circulated prior to the meeting. No questions were raised relating to these.

Mace Dragados update

- 2.9 The slides relating to Mace Dragados's works were circulated prior to the meeting.
- 2.10 DH reported that in her opinion the Tree Panel is authorising tree felling for convenience not necessity and without legally required surveys/bat licences. Also that consideration should be given to saving the Euston Square Gardens East trees on the traffic islands affected by ground being raised, Harrington Street trees could survive root damage and that in her opinion it was unnecessary to fell 100 trees in the Adelaide Road woodland.
- 2.11 DH asked if HS2 would include pictures of the removed trees on the new hoardings. DD explained that it was proposed to use these to promote local businesses and highlight local people. The final details for each area would be the subject of engagement with interested local parties.
- 2.12 It was noted that the Undertaking and Assurance to seek to preserve the trees on the boundaries of the Euston Square Gardens east had determined the approach to the layout and removal of trees for the Interim Taxi Rank
- 2.13 Post-meeting note: An update on the initiative to work with homeless people currently using Euston Square Gardens east will be circulated.

CSjv update

- 2.14 The slides relating to CSjv's works were circulated prior to the meeting.
- 2.15 It was noted that the two trees on Harrington Street and North Gower Street identified during the recent walkabout would be replaced by the project with new trees as large as is possible.

3 SRO update

- 3.1 LW reported that interim arrangements were in place for a Euston wide body. This was chaired by Sir Peter Hendy and the Euston Partnership included the GLA, Network Rail, TfL, LB Camden, HS2 and Lendlease. It is intended that a community review panel will be put in place and the Partnership's Board are looking to publish minutes from early in the New Year. Any new

permanent arrangements are not expected to be in place for at least six months. HS2 will remain the Nominated Undertaker for the time being for the Euston station works and Park Village East area scope accountability will not be affected by any change to the arrangements. The arrangements for community representation were under consideration and comments were noted from LA and DB that they felt that this should include representation on the Partnership Board.

4 Noise insulation

- 4.1 Slides providing an update on progress of the installation of Noise Insulation were circulated prior to the meeting.
- 4.2 MH queried how up to around 1000 properties will have noise insulation installed by triggers being reached in early April 2021. KL responded that there was increased confidence following the appointment of a new contractor focussed on the properties in most affected areas, subject to access.
- 4.3 TBU reported that installation updates are providing regularly through the Noise Insulation Working Group. It was confirmed that properties affected by trigger levels were being prioritised. RL asked for confirmation that no works would take place that would exceed trigger levels before noise insulation had been installed in all eligible householders. LW confirmed in response that HS2 understood that this was correct and that noise insulation needed to be installed before works that exceed trigger levels commence. DB queried the statistics provided and did not agree with the assessment given. LB Camden only considered the installation complete when noise insulation and mechanical ventilation was installed and snagging issues were resolved. LW provided assurances that these concerns are being worked through.
- 4.4 NG to reaffirm that trigger levels will not be met during the planned Christmas piling works.
- 4.5 **ACTION 281:** Confirm that Christmas piling works will not reach trigger levels (NG) (c/f Action 279)

5 Adelaide Road Vent Shaft Site

- 5.1 NG shared plans as included in the Environmental Statement at Bill stage. The design has developed to reduce the shaft and lorry movements and the structure repositioned slightly reducing the overall planting areas to 0.155 hectares down from 0.2 hectares at Bill stage. It was noted that the Schedule 17 plans and specification application would be submitted in late 2021, bringing into use 2025 and site restoration application in 2026. NG explained the process for surveying trees, the history of previous tree removals and that the ecologists had advised that the bat activity was such that a bat licence is not necessary for the site
- 5.2 The presentation gave rise to the following questions and comments: 1. JT queried use of the disused cutting infill (as Tree Panel drawing). NG agreed to provide a plan clarifying extent of site boundary in relation to the disused railway lines. 2. Could the work be carried out from the disused line? NG confirmed at the meeting that this was not within the available site boundary. 3. DH expressed concern that the Tree Panel process is in her view unable to deal with tree removals on

this scale. 4. JT requested that the Ecology Surveys be released under the Freedom of Information requests and that the tree survey be recirculated. JT noted that in his view the June tree survey did not comply with BS5837 and the November survey only complied in respect of nine trees. NG confirmed that both surveys comply with the Standard. 5. JT queried the use of the area shown in green on the construction plan. NG restated that this area would be excavated to enable the construction of the retaining wall and associated access ramp for construction vehicles.

- 5.3 **ACTION 282:** Convene meeting to deal with the questions raised in minute 5.2 of the meeting held on 01.12.20 relating to Adelaide Road Vent Shaft Site (NG).

6 Matters arising

- 6.1 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

7 Action items by exception

- 7.1 It was requested that HS2 review the outstanding actions, if necessary to group them, with a view to answering and closing them
- 7.2 **ACTION 283:** Review and close actions as per request in minute 7.1 of the meeting held on 01.12.20 (DD)
- 7.3 Action 279 frequency of noise peaks – response required. See minute 7.2 above.
- 7.4 DH requested responses to 266, 241A and 275 (see minute 2.11 regarding 275). See minute 7.2 above.

8 Action items by exception

- 8.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22 September 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

9 Any other business

- 9.1 HGT asked that surveys be undertaken in advance of ground anchor installation. NG confirmed that survey letters are about to be issued.
- 9.2 **ACTION 284:** HGT to be advised if compensation grouting will be used in connection with ground anchors (NG).
- 9.3 **ACTION 285:** HC to be advised of what changes and improvements might we expect to see at ECRG following the recommendations of the HS2 Land and Property Review November 2020 (FJ).
- 9.4 **ACTION 286:** JM to be advised what is the maximum peak (not hourly average) night-time noise that you are predicting for night-time Network Rail noise in the next two months? This is what will determine whether people will wake up or not. Hourly averages are irrelevant (HM).

Next meeting: 23rd March 2021 at 17.00

ECRG walkabout: 16th March 2021 at 16.00