

Meeting minutes

Euston Community Representatives Group (ECRG)

Meeting date Thursday, 21 October 2021

Meeting location Via Microsoft Teams

Meeting time 5pm – 7pm

Attendees

KM	Dr. Karl Mackie CBE	Independent Chair
AK	Aigul Kalioldina	HS2, Engagement Manager
AES	Andy Swift	HS2, Euston Project Client Director
AV	Anjuli Veall	NR, Communications Manager
AW	Antonietta Winton	Resident Regents Park Estate
AW	Aaron Renker	SCS, Senior Construction Manager
CA	Charlotte Akinola	LB Camden, Communications Manager
CB	Christy McBride	HS2, Community Engagement Coordinator
CW	Chris Winfield	NR, Sponsor
DA	David Auger	Camden Cutting Group
DBe	Cllr Danny Beales	LB Camden
DD	David Demolder	Euston Station IPT, Head of Stakeholder Management
DH	Dorothea Hackman*	Camden Civic Society, St Pancras Church, Netley School
JM	John Myers*	Drummond Street TRA
JTa	Jessica Taylor	SCS, Community Engagement Manager
JTr	Jeff Travers	Primrose Hill, Gloucester Avenue
KL	Keith Lomas	HS2, EWC Programme Manager
KM	Katy Mann	LB Camden, Head of HS2 Programme Delivery
LB	Linda Bennett	CSjv, Head of Compliance
LH	Lee Harman	SCS, Delivery Lead Area East
MB	Mary Burd	Albert Street North Residents' Assoc, HS2 into London

MD	Matthew Davidson	
MH	Matt Hollier*	Camden Cutting Group, Co-Chair
MS	Maddelyn Sutton	HS2, Head of Community Engagement
NA	Nassar Ali	LB Camden, Community Liaison Manager
ND	Noemi Drew	Office of Keir Starmer MP
PM	Paul Braithwaite	Former Chair, AQGOST
RC	Richard Crathern	HS2, Senior Project Manager- SCS - East
RL	Robert Latham	Silsoe House
RP	Ross Pearson	HS2, Senior Community Engagement Manager
SC	Stephen Charman	HS2, Community Engagement Manager

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1 Welcome and introductions

- 1.1 Dr Karl Mackie, CBE.
- 1.2 The HS2 representatives introduced themselves.
- 1.3 The Contact Group representatives introduced themselves.
- 1.4 KM briefed the attendees on changes to the meeting format designed to help keep the meeting to time, ensure that all agenda items are covered and provide greater opportunity for community representatives to raise questions.
 - As presentations are circulated in advance the time allowed for additional information to be provided by presenters is limited to the time set out under each item (e.g. two minutes for contractors' updates).
 - The time allowed for questions on each agenda item is set out under that item.
 - The contribution from any one speaker is limited to five minutes for the meeting overall and three minutes per contribution.
 - You are encouraged to join the meeting early should you wish to check that your microphone and speakers are working.
 - Questions may be posed in the "Chat" or by raising your "hand".
 - If time remains at the end of the meeting further questions may be asked at the discretion of the Independent Chair.

2 Traffic Impact

- 2.1 The group NOTED the previously circulated slides.
- 2.2 AR briefed the meeting on arrangements to coordinate and forecast lorry numbers and the arrangements to mitigate impact.
- 2.3 Questions and answers
- 2.4 Q: Can data be provided by road on an annual basis? A: Proposal being discussed with LB Camden to allow this to happen and make information available.
- 2.5 Q: Will the information be comparable with the data provided in the SES? A: Yes and it will be possible to link this to each road. The data will be available once the system has been implement in Q1 2022.
- 2.6 DA pointed out that in his view the data provided needs to be comparable with the SES to demonstrate that the EMR is not being breached.

3 Air Quality and Carbon

- 3.1 The Group NOTED the previously circulated presentation slides on air pollution and carbon covering:
 - Approach to carbon reduction
 - Noise and dust suppression and damping down.
- 3.2 The Group NOTED that the Air Quality, Trees and Open Spaces Working Group had met on 14 October. It would now meet quarterly in advance of the ECRG meeting. Action updates had been circulated with the minutes and a further update would be provided w/c 25.10.21.
- 3.3 Comments, questions and answers:
- 3.4 DH expressed disappointment and frustration that three items that she had raised had not been answered at the Working Group meeting, instead they have been added to the actions list. A: it was planned that answers to these points would be included in the Action update w/c 25.10.21.

4 Noise Insulation

- 4.1 The Group was asked to NOTE the presentation slides circulated with these minutes.
- 4.2 KL reported that 74 installations had been completed in the since the last ECRG report. All previously completed installations had been followed up with a letter to ensure that all snagging had been carried out. In addition, all properties previously marked as concluded had

been written to in order to check if they now wished to take up the NI offer. In total over 1,000 properties had been written to.

- 4.3 Following comments at the last meeting a data alignment exercise was underway with LB Camden to ensure an agreed understanding of the data.
- 4.4 A meeting with LB Camden regarding Ampthill had resulted in the release of information about the properties which was now being assessed by HS2's consultants. This would enable HS2 to identify options to resolve installation.
- 4.5 Comments, questions and answers:
- 4.6 Q: DA stated that at the last ECRG meeting HS2 had confirmed its position on compliance with the Code of Construction Practice. It was NOTED that this required HS2 to undertake installations as soon as is reasonably practicable. A: HS2 had felt that the matter had been concluded and noted that DA could escalate this matter to DfT should he think fit. HS2 would formally confirm its position after the meeting. **ACTION 303:** Confirm HS2's position on compliance with the COCP to DA (KL).

5 Adelaide Road

- 5.1 The Group NOTED the previously circulated presentation slides.
- 5.2 JTa reported that engagement had taken place during September on matters such as above ground structures and lighting. The feedback received had been passed to SCS's design house and planning team. It was planned that later in 2021 or early 2022 a plans and specifications application under Schedule 17 of the act would be submitted. In addition, responses to the feedback would be provided through a "you said we did" exercise.
- 5.3 Comments, questions and answers:
- 5.4 JTr was informed that the submission of the application was being delayed due to the large number of comments. Although the application was about the building and the wall materials, it showed landscaping scope which he had understood would be dealt with under a site restoration application in future years. He expressed concern that limiting landscaping scope at this stage would mean that it is fixed for the end of the project. Legal agreement with stakeholders on nature conservation management is documented within HS2's 'No Net Loss in Bio-diversity' metric. A third SCS stakeholder meeting (an ECRG 'Action') to develop a SINC ecology management masterplan to mitigate excessive SCS impacts. Includes head-house 'greening' (eg green walls) impacting the initial planning application.
- 5.5 Q: DH are the stumps and soil from the removed trees still in place? A: Environment team aware and looking into this.

6 Flash report

6.1 The Group NOTED the previously circulated flash report.

7 HS2 update

7.1 The Group NOTED the previously circulated presentation slides.

7.2 RP highlighted work by HS2 and NR to update the complaints process. The revision of privacy policies now allowed complaints to be passed between the two organisations.

7.3 Comments, questions and answers:

7.4 MB commented that she was still awaiting sight of the local engagement plan. A: RP confirmed that he would provide this shortly. **ACTION 304:** Circulate the Local Community Engagement Plan (RP).

Mace Dragados update

7.5 The Group NOTED the previously circulated presentation slides.

CSjv update

7.6 The Group NOTED the previously circulated presentation slides.

7.7 LB reported that final gas works were underway and were expected to be completed in the next four weeks. As CSjv was completing its scope in the area it was passing on lessons learnt to HS2 and other contractors.

Network Rail

7.8 The Group NOTED the previously circulated presentation slides.

7.9 AV updated on Clarkson Row noting that a planning application had been submitted following engagement over the summer.

7.10 A number of station improvements were underway including upgrades to improve the station environment, London Underground entrance, platforms 8-11, changing places and the refurbishment of escalators.

7.11 Comments, questions and answers:

7.12 Q: JM asked if NR is responsible for the piazza hoarding? The businesses on the western side of the station had had a tough four years and the hoardings were a retrograde step as they did not include signage to local business. He asked that NR work with HS2 contractors to resolve this. A: The concerns were noted, some signage to Drummond Street has gone up but this would be reviewed with HS2. AES asked that this be looked at and a solution found in the

next week. **ACTION 305:** Review the signage being provided to Drummond Street on the piazza hoardings on site with HS2, NR and John Myers (MS/RP).

- 7.13 Q: DA asked when the Clarkson Row planning committee hearing would be held. A: CW responded that a number of issues were being worked through and a date was yet to be fixed. He noted that work would not start until the planning process had been concluded.

SCS update

- 7.14 The Group NOTED the previously circulated presentation slides and were taken through them by LH.
- 7.15 LH reported that the current works were of a repetitive nature and an update session had been held to brief residents on them. A further update session was planned for March. The new vehicle holding area now in use taking out to 30 vehicles per day with use of the lay by planned from January. The summer six week blockage had not given rise to any complaints.
- 7.16 Comments, questions and answers:
- 7.17 Q: RL referred to ACTION 299 regarding the Park Village East hoarding. No programme for removal/reduction of the 45 posters had been provided and he had been told that the guidelines had been withdrawn, so he was unable to see a copy. A: LH responded that the posters would be reduced from 1 November. RL welcome this but still wishes to see the guidelines.
- 7.18 It was noted that additional viewing windows had been requested over and above the three currently installed.
- 7.19 Q: DH queried the purpose of the proposed layby at Park Village East. He had understood that it was being provided to support tunnelling which was not yet happening. If this goes ahead it will be taking green space and half the road, causing inconvenience for residents. A: LH responded that the layby is required to install the shaft which will be necessary for tunnelling. **ACTION 306:** Look at and report on the minimisation of loss of green space and parking arising from the proposed Park Village East layby (LH).
- 7.20 Q: MB expressed concern that residents had not been spoken with prior to the Parkway consultation. There was significant concern about how people would access their homes during the six months plus closure. A: LH responded that SCS was working hard to minimise the need for and effects of traffic management. The subject had been raised for comment by residents during construction updates and residents would be met with before the engagement takes place.
- 7.21 MH endorsed MB points highlighting the impact on traffic in the area. He understood that the proposed diversions up to Adelaide Road would be in place at the same time as Adelaide Road itself is diverted. If this has to happen needs to be as short as possible as will heavily impact traffic in the area. Traffic impacts must be understood prior to the engagement taking place – both Traffic Management Plan and modelling. A: LH agreed to provide details of the

discussions that would take place with LB Camden prior to the engagement and the information which would be available at that point. **ACTION 307:** Provide details of the traffic management modelling that will be provided to LB Camden and the Community prior to the Parkway engagement and the information that would be available at that point (LH).

- 7.22 JTr commented that Adelaide Road is shut from Monday for Thames Water works, in addition to the HS2 part closure and that Primrose Hill Road is being shut resurfacing. A: AR responded that HS2 works are being coordinated with others in the area including Thames Water's.

8 Action items by exception

- 8.1 DD asked the Group to NOTE the updated Actions List and items closed since the last meeting. He asked that attendees highlight any items that they felt had not been fully dealt with and these would be reinstated as Open.
- 8.2 None were raised.

9 Community Questions/AOB

- 9.1 The following additional questions were raised:
- 9.2 Q: DA stated that trains using the new, HS2 provided, up siding by Mornington Crescent where causing noise and fumes for nearby residents. He had raised this as a complaint through the HS2 system but this had been rejected twice by HS2 and passed to NR. As neither party was accepting responsibility (a NR senior director had also rejected the complaint) should he raise this with DfT? A: It was agreed that HS2 and NR would review the complaint again and respond w/c 25.10.21. **ACTION 308:** Re-investigate the Mornington Crescent up sidings complaint with NR and respond to DA.
- 9.3 DA complained that his raising of the point in 9.2 was curtailed although there were no other questions. However, MS did agree to adjust the response timing to meet his concern. The independent chair explained that his point had been made and understood and that an action had been agreed. He also reminded the group that time limits had been agreed for individual and total contributions.
- The contribution from any one speaker is limited to five minutes for the meeting overall and three minutes per contribution.

10 Minutes of the last meeting

- 10.1 The minutes of the meeting held in June 2021 were AGREED.

11 Closing remarks

11.1 Following a discussion about whether future meetings should be online, in person or a hybrid it was agreed that a survey would be circulated to gauge the preferences of attendees:

ACTION 309: Survey the ECRG attendees to gauge their preferences for online, in person and hybrid meetings (DD).

11.2 KM thanked the Group for their attendance, questions and contributions.

11.3 Future meetings will start promptly at 17.00, so attendees are asked to join from 16.50.

Next meeting: 2nd December at 17.00, **ECRG walkabout:** 25th November at 16.00