

Meeting minutes

Euston Community Representatives Group (ECRG)

Meeting date Thursday, 12 June 2025

Meeting location The Euston Community Hub, North Gower Street, NW1

Meeting time 5:20pm – 7:00pm

Attendees

CM	Cameron MacLeod	HS2 Community Partnerships, LB Camden
CHJ	Cllr Heather Johnson	Regents Park Ward Councillor, LB Camden
DA	David Auger	Camden Cutting Group, Rep for Clarkson Mornington TRA, CHARGE committee member
DD	David Demolder (Chair)	Euston Station IPT, Head of Operations and Stakeholder Management
DH	Dorothea Hackman*	Camden Civic Society
GM	Gareth McGaw	Senior Engagement and Interface Manager, HS2
GO	Gerry O'Connell	Beaumont Walk TRA
HGT	Hero Granger-Taylor	Park Village East Heritage Group
JM	John Myers*	Drummond Street TRA
JT	Jeff Travers	Primrose Hill, Gloucester Avenue
KL	Kai-Yen Lau	Marketing and Communications Assistant, MDjv
KRH	Kimberley Royer-Harris	Senior Engagement Lead, HS2
MB	Mary Burd*	CHARGE and chairs LAEP
MH	Matt Hollier	Co-Chair Camden Cutting Group
ND	Neil Durrant	Consents and Engagement Lead, SCS
NJ	Nick Jones	Project Client – Euston, HS2
NK	Natalie Kirkwood (minutes)	Senior Engagement Manager, MDjv
NVK	Neil Van Kervel	Senior Engagement Manager, SCS
PB	Paul Braithwaite	Ex Chair, Air Quality AQGOST
PL	Paul Leighton	Project Director, MDjv
RC	Richard Crathern	Senior Project Manager - SCS East, HS2
SF	Samantha Fernandes	Consents and Engagement Lead, SCS
SC	Steve Christofy	Treasurer of the RPE TRA and HS2 Rep
TG	Therese Gallagher	London Borough of Camden

Apologies		
AS	Andy Swift	HS2 Client Director
BW	Ben White	TEP
CAH	Cllr Adam Harrison	Bloomsbury Ward Councillor
DKM	Deepika Kanthavara Madhava	Somers Town Community Association
KH	Kamal Hanif	TEP
MS	Maddelyn Sutton	Head of Community Engagement, HS2
ND	Noemi Drew	Constituency Office Manager, Sir Kier Starmer's Office
OU	Oli Uddin	Drummond Street Traders Chair
RL	Robert Latham	Silsoe House
SD	Slaney Devlin	Somers Town Neighbourhood Forum
SN	Sandra Nichols	Mornington Place TRA
SP	Simon Pitkeathley	Euston Town BID, CEO
TS	Tim Stockton	Resident

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1. Welcome and Introductions

- 1.1** DD introduced the meeting and reminded members of the rules for the conduct of the meeting as set out in the agenda.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

- 2.1** DD explained the process for review of comments on the first draft of the minutes circulated after each meeting. If there is any doubt over whether a change should be made a recommendation is made to the Contact Group for its decision.
- 2.2 C:** JT suggested that any proposed changes shared with the Contact Group should also be shared with the individual who suggested the change.
- 2.3 C:** GO commented that his name is spelt incorrectly and requested this is corrected for the June 2025 minutes.
- 2.4** The group AGREED the minutes of the March 2025 meeting and NOTED that they will be published on the HS2 website.

3. Actions Log

- 3.1** DD confirmed that the Actions marked "Closed" would be closed. Actions 357 and 361 had been reopened as previously agreed.

4. MDjv Works Update

- 4.1 PL gave an overview of MDjv's scope works for this financial year. It was NOTED that meanwhile use spaces would remain open for as long as possible but were likely to be decommissioned during the period.
- 4.2 **Q:** SC queried when Varndell Street will be reopened. **ACTION 371:** NVK to confirm the end date of the works taking place and confirm when Varndell Street will be reopened.
- 4.3 **Q:** JT queried if the west and south boundary walls are for platforms. **A:** PL confirmed that they form the boundary of the station. **C:** JT commented that HS2 previously told ECRG their platform box the retaining wall at Bree Louise is seven metres thick and therefore a station design is needed before this is installed. **C:** DD clarified that the works that have been carried out to date are to clear the site for a future HS2 Euston station and the boundary walls are included in this. These works have been approved by the Department for Transport (DfT).
- 4.4 **Q:** JT queried the response to his question regarding HS2's justification for the demolition of the old traction substation on Drummond Street. **A:** DD advised this forms part of no regrets works.
- 4.5 **Q:** PB queried if the old Drummond Street Station is in the footprint of the proposed HS2 Euston Station. **A:** PL confirmed that it is. **Q:** HGT queried if there has been a decision made regarding the building. **A:** DD confirmed that although it is not currently planned for this financial year, the building will be demolished.
- 4.6 **C:** JT commented that he was informed that Network Rail may want some of their platforms back, and as such, this building shouldn't be demolished until a station design has been confirmed. **A:** DD reiterated that it will be demolished in the future. Although a station design has not been confirmed, the station footprint has been established.
- 4.7 **C:** DA and others commented that given the no regrets works currently taking place that it would be worthwhile to learn from some of the issues in the past, specifically that you should not demolish a building until you know what will be put in its place. **A:** DD reconfirmed that there is no immediacy in the removal of the building, but it will happen in the future. **C:** DA appreciates that there may be a station platform there in the future, however, his point remains that the critical path should be to know what the plans are before demolition begins.
- 4.8 **Q:** SC stated that there will be regrets if the old station is demolished and queried who he should lobby to preserve the building. **A:** DD advised that SC contact HS2 and/or the DfT.

- 4.9 **C:** JM commented on behalf of residents and businesses on Drummond Street, who are living adjacent to the construction site, that if there is no chance of preserving the building then he would like this removed as soon as possible in line with the aspirations for all works to be completed as quickly as they can be.
- 4.10 **Q:** SC queried if MDjv will resurface Cumberland Market now that the works are completed. **ACTION 372:** NK to confirm if the remaining areas of Cumberland Market will be resurfaced.
- 4.11 **Q:** SC queried if we have finished current works in Cumberland Market. **A:** PL confirmed this.
- 4.12 **Q:** SC asked when enabling works will finish? **A:** PL confirmed enabling works will be ongoing for around three years.
- 4.13 **Q:** SC asked when Granby Terrace Bridge will be opened **ACTION 373:** RC to confirm the programme and confirm current dates for reopening of Granby Terrace bridge.
- 4.14 **C:** HGT commented that the House of Lords assured them that the bridge would be open in 2023 and as this has not happened, compensation should be provided.
- 4.15 **Q:** PB commented that Hampstead Road is a dangerous experience for cyclists due to the traffic management and queried why cyclists can't use Cardington Street. **A:** PL welcomed the feedback and explained that raising the profile around vulnerable road users is a priority for the project, and he mentioned the recent Exchanging Places+ road safety event. He explained that Cardington Street is where the exhumations will be taking place so although this was a good idea it is not a viable option.
- 4.16 **C:** DA commented that when Mornington Street bridge was going to be demolished an alternative footbridge was proposed. DA stated that there needs to be a solution to Granby Terrace Bridge. DA mentioned an assurance which states that if infrastructure is taken away, an alternative should be provided. **C:** HGT noted that this was brought up as an issue at the last meeting and there has been no progress. **ACTION 374:** RC to report at the next meeting if a pedestrian bridge to replace Granby Terrace Bridge can be provided.
- 4.17 **C:** DH commented about cyclists and road safety and mentioned that the traffic management is causing the safety issues. DH suggested observing the patterns and behaviours of road users and apply traffic management and mitigations accordingly.
- 4.18 It was NOTED that programme dates are likely to change for works due to a variety of factors such as weather. However HS2 regularly publishes updated

lookaheads of planned works and these can be found here [HS2 in Camden - Construction Look Aheads and Newsletters - HS2](#)

5. Questions received in advance

5.1 DD drew the group's attention to the written answers provided on the slides which had been circulated earlier in the day.

5.2 Question one: Advance Works Notifications

5.3 C: NVK commented that as well as receiving a hard copy of notifications, you can also receive them via email (please contact communities@scsrailways.co.uk to be added to the distribution list) or via the [HS2 alert system](#).

5.4 C: MB commented that the answer to this question should be more personalised to the person who raised the concern. **A:** DD confirmed that NVK has contacted the individual and he is awaiting contact back to further the conversation.

5.5 Question two: Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) Funding

5.6 C: RC confirmed that the TBMs are being assembled for launch in spring 2026. Funding for their operation will be confirmed in the next financial year.

5.7 Q: JM asked if the launch date for TBMs has been pushed back. **A:** RC confirmed that it had been delayed.

5.8 Q: DA asked when the TBMs will arrive in Euston. **A:** RC confirmed that based on launch in spring 2026, the TBMs will arrive at Euston in August 2027.

5.9 Question three: Project cost and duration

5.10 C: NJ reconfirmed that the media reports are speculation.

5.11 C: HGT commented that Mark Wild (HS2 CEO) made comments in Birmingham earlier this year which mirrors the media reports.

5.12 Question four: Spatial planning

5.13 C: NJ commented that HS2's role is to advise on HS2 station and TfL requirements for the Euston campus.

5.14 Q: HGT asked if the spatial planning architect is different to for the HS2 station **A:** DD confirmed that it is different, and spatial planning is about planning the overall development at Euston.

5.15 C: JT commented that Allies & Morrison did the masterplan for Kings Cross and was wondering if they have been signed up for initial master planning, or if this a pre-cursor for the appointment of the Development Organisation.

5.16 Question five: Development plots

5.17 C: NJ confirmed that this relates directly to the spatial planning and about the overall development of Euston. LBC will be engaged in all aspects, however, no decisions have been made.

5.18 Q: DA queried if there were any updates on the appointment of a Development Corporation **A:** DD confirmed that there were not or an indication of when a decision would be made.

5.19 C: JT commented that the workstream 2 scenario scheme which was published in LB Camden's Economical Report last year indicated that some platforms had been removed and replaced with commercial adjacent site development (ASD) instead of over station development. JT further commented that he was made aware by RC after November ECRG that Network Rail would like some of their platforms back so this ASD will be difficult unless two HS2 platforms are reduced to 200 metres (to also retain Drummond Street Station). **A:** DD confirmed that no decisions have been made on this. JT further commented that he is aware that Network Rail would like some of their platforms back so this will be difficult. **A:** DD confirmed that no decisions have been made on this.

5.20 C: JT commented that the workstream scenario analyses would be beneficial for ECRG.

5.21 Question six: "Old Drummond Street Station"

5.22 This question was covered earlier in the meeting. Please refer to points 4.5 to 4.8.

6. Complaints Procedure

6.1 C: DD explained the process of making a potential U&A non-compliance complaint to HS2 and how to appeal the outcome. **C:** JT mentioned that he submitted a U&A complaint about HS2 not sharing with ECRG Bond Street station walk-times from HS2's Station Choice Report cited by Lord Handy (HoL). JT would like to receive the Station Choice Report.

6.2 C: DD further explained that JT believes that information provided in the ECRG meetings is conflicting with what he has heard elsewhere and that he believes we (HS2) are not meeting our U&A. HS2 has not upheld this complaint.

- 6.3 C:** HGT commented that she was told that HS2 currently does not have a Commissioner. **A:** KRH confirmed that a new Commissioner will be appointed shortly, and they will cover both roles (residents and construction).
- 6.4** Details of how to appeal against a complaint decision can be found here [How to complain - HS2](#) and details of how to report a possible U&A non-compliance can be found here: [Procedure Template](#)

7. Flash Report & Construction look ahead

- 7.1** DD asked the Group to NOTE the Flash Report circulated with the papers. He also asked that members take a moment to complete a survey (open until 4 July) to inform future reports and newsletters
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/newsletters/>.
- 7.2 C:** SC commented that there are clear delays to the project and there are assurances which have time limits on them. SC thinks it would be a good idea to review assurances collaboratively with HS2, LB Camden, and local residents.
ACTION 375: TG to consider an appropriate way to review assurances with time limits and how to discuss this with residents.
- 7.3 C:** SC mentioned that Euston Towers works will begin when HS2 enabling works are still continuing. **A:** DD confirmed that this is being looked at by LB Camden as part of accumulative impacts of works in Euston, and an update will be provided at the next meeting.
- 7.4 C:** DA stated that he has no confidence that LB Camden is on top of the assurances and would like a new working group to look at the impacts. DA further stated that the delays to the project has had a significant impact on mental health and wellbeing in the community. **A:** HGT stated that she is speaking with Cllr Harrison about setting up a separate working group. **A:** DD highlighted that all U&As are all available on the HS2 website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/high-speed-rail-london-west-midlands-bill-register-of-undertakings-and-assurances>

8. HS2 Works updates

8.1 Managing Traffic Management

- 8.2 Q:** DD explained the arrangements for planning and consulting on traffic management arrangements in advance of them being put in place.
- 8.3 C:** DH asked why the slide (number 24) shows that HS2 does not attend the Air Quality Trees and Open Spaces (AQDOS) working group. **A:** NK confirmed that this was an error and will update the slide to reflect HS2's attendance at this forum.

8.4 SCS Works Update

- 8.5 C:** JT spoke with HS2 surveyors in Adelaide Road who told him that the sheet piling has deflected which has caused cracks in the community garden wall as well as some houses. JT stated that the surveyor also said that there is ground movement and the road is sinking. **ACTION 376:** ND to discuss piling at Adelaide Road with JT outside of the meeting. *Post meeting note: ND advised that JT submit his concerns regarding the effect of sheet piling to the HS2 Helpdesk to request that it be considered a small claim application which SCS can assess.*

You can contact the Helpdesk by:

- Freephone: 08081 434 434
- Minicom: 08081 456 472
- Email: HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk
- Webform: [complete our online form](#)

- 8.6 C:** DA commented that when construction activity ramps up, works will get noisier but understands this should be lower than previously projected. DA requested an updated noise model including cumulative impacts before works begin, paying particular attention to works carried out at night. **A:** DD referenced the section 61 (s61) process whereby consent to make noise is obtained from LB Camden. **C:** DA commented that that process has failed in the past, and this is why he would like an updated model.

- 8.7 C:** DA also commented that noise and vibration monitors should be put in strategic locations which are close to the worksite and not 400 yards away. **A:** DD reconfirmed the s61 process and stated that works cannot proceed until the local authority grants permission. Noise predictions are included in the application based on a model.

- 8.8 Q:** SC queried if any monitoring of noise insulation is carried out. **A:** DD confirmed that queries can be made directly with HS2.

9. AOB

- 9.1 C:** PB commented that he doesn't understand the role of The Euston Partnership and would like them to attend the next meeting.
- 9.2 C:** DH commented that she would like to record her thanks for the catering. Catering was sourced from a local business on Drummond Street.

10. Meeting Dates

- 10.1** DD thanked attendees and closed the meeting.

10.2 He advised that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 September 2025 and that all future meetings will be held at the Euston Community Hub on North Gower Street.