

**Euston Strategic Board**

**9 December 2020**

**10.00 – 11.15am**

**Teams meeting**

**Chair: Cllr Georgia Gould (Leader, LBC)**

**Attendees:** Cllr Georgia Gould (LBC); Cllr Danny Beales (LBC); Jules Pipe (GLA); Mary-Ann Lewis (LBC); David Burns (LBC); Kate Cohen (DfT); Lyndon Fothergill (GLA); Dushen Naidoo (Network Rail); Tom Venner (Euston Partnership); James Danby (HS2); Laurence Whitbourn (HS2); Dominic Murphy (LBC); Andrew Meeson (TfL); Katy Mann (LBC) Simon Pitkeathley (Euston Town); John Myers (Drummond Street Neighbourhood forum); Therese Gallagher (LBC, notes)

| Welcome, introductions, apologies   | ACTION |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Dave Burns, Director for Economy, Regeneration and Investment, LBC</li> </ul>  |        |
| Construction Impacts on residential blocks (LBC)  |        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katy Mann, Head of HS2 Programme Delivery reported on the severe problems faced by residents living closest to the construction site and highlighted impacts over the last 2 weeks:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Noise evidence demonstrates almost constant noise above the WHO recommended limits of 55db</li> <li>○ Video evidence from a resident leaseholder in Langdale, which depicts the noise and dirt being omitted from the HS2 site.</li> <li>○ Evidence that dust and AQ spikes can be seen over the last two weeks – including recent correspondence regarding dust and vermin demonstrating the effect on a resident</li> <li>○ Photographic evidence of the front of Cartmel now that access has been blocked.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• GG highlighted:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ that the Council had stepped in to help support these residents and expressed her disappointment that the organisations were now in a place of public disagreement given that in the Council’s view, HS2 were not mitigating their impacts adequately.</li> <li>○ the plight of residents who are having to make sacrifices in order to move, feeling that they have been left behind and they will have to leave their community.</li> <li>○ That LBC will continue to push for a solution using the levers available.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• TV suggested that there needed to be a shared endeavour and that HS2 have a different view in what has been achieved in terms of mitigations. He noted that HS2 and DfT are working hard to deliver on the undertakings and assurances that they believe that they have committed to. He highlighted routes to help people including the prolonged disruption scheme which he suggested should be explored without prejudice to longer term solutions.</li> <li>• LW reported that the U &amp; A investigation panel found no technical breach but that as an organisation they would continue to engage in any work that is trying to find a solution.</li> </ul> |        |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KC said that she was very sympathetic to the plight of the residents but from data provided she has been assured that there is no breach of the assurances and undertakings provided. However there is a general obligation on HS2 to be a good neighbour and she noted that they were doing their best to find a solution supporting alternative routes.</li> <li>• JM thanked everyone for their hard work and suggested that in view of the contrast between the principle in the CoCP that noise insulation should be installed "as early as reasonably practicable" and what has happened in terms of the delays to insulation, HS2 might find it easier to move from its normal strict internal positions on assisting with funding of relocating the affected tenants.</li> <li>• JM provided wording from the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) in the meeting chat and is repeated here for ease:</li> </ul> <p><i>CoCP 13.2.4 The effects of noise and vibration from construction sites will be controlled by introducing management and monitoring processes to ensure that BPM are planned and employed to minimise noise and vibration during construction. As part of the lead contractors' EMS, a noise and vibration management plan will be prepared and will set out these processes. The plan will include management and monitoring processes to ensure, as a minimum: .....</i></p> <p><i>development of procedures for the <b>installation of noise insulation</b> or provision of temporary re-housing and to ensure such measures are, where required, in place <b>as early as is reasonably practicable</b>;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JP noted that the Council and the residents had the full support of mayor. Whatever the previous conditions, there was no reason to allow severe worsening of living conditions as a result of HS2.</li> </ul> | <p>JM to forward reference – provided in the meeting chat and included in the notes (with emphasis as provided).</p> |
| <p><b>Residents Advisory Group update (LBC)</b></p>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary-Ann Lewis, Head of Euston Regeneration updated the board on the emerging themes from the first four sessions of the Resident's Advisory Group (RAG).             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The group will meet twice more in January to discuss the work to date and refine a set of recommendations to be considered by the Euston Boards - this could be ESB and/ or the Euston Partnership Board.</li> <li>○ This phase of engagement also has included two resident and business representative group workshops to discuss the same issues as the RAG.</li> <li>○ The top themes of concern to the community identified so far were:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Green and open space/greening/trees</li> <li>▪ Crime and anti-social behaviour</li> <li>▪ Affordable housing</li> <li>▪ Local economy and support for local businesses</li> <li>▪ Avoiding gentrification/need to ensure that there is an offer to local communities</li> <li>▪ Provision for homeless people and other vulnerable groups</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• JM – reported brilliant work on RAG and Good life project</li> </ul>   | <p>Circulate details of the scope of the RAG</p>   |

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| <p>One point to note is that if the RAG is renewed in future, suggest adding more people from north of the station.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GG noted John’s important role in joining up groups, getting perspectives of people who haven’t been involved.</li> <li>• PG noted that his team were really enjoying the work and learning a huge amount. The projects are easily bringing to life issues and LL are keen to follow up in the new year.</li> <li>• KC asked about the links between these groups and ECRG . It was explained that ECRG is a HS2 forum dealing with construction issues and that these workstreams are speaking to different to people. It was explained that work is underway to evolve the RAG group to potentially act as sounding board for masterplan development and that the team are looking at how we link into Euston Partnership board.</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>Good Life project update (LBC lead)</b></p>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dominic Murphy from the Council’s engagement team attended to update the board on the well-being index that is being developed for Euston including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Summary of the work undertaken by the Young citizen social scientists - A group of 12 young people have undertaken some enlightening work to document life in Euston including reporting on this to the Residents Advisory Group and the production of a video, which there was a request to share<br/><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OVrH3fKJs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OVrH3fKJs</a></li> <li>○ the programme for the work, noting that the older cohort of Citizen Social Scientist work began on 8<sup>th</sup> December.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion and reflections were provided as part of the RAG discussion – see above.</li> </ul> | <p>Share link to video made by YCSS - provided in the meeting chat and included in the notes</p> |
| <p><b>Programme for EAP update and interdependencies (LBC)</b></p>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary-Ann Lewis updated the board on the programme for the Euston Area Plan update, highlighting the interdependencies with other workstreams including the station design. She highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Transport assessment has the longest timescales for production and it is crucial it gets started as soon as possible to allow for inputs into the first draft of the EAP update. The work needs to start in January in order to stand a chance of keeping to the programme as set out.</li> <li>○ The team are working on elements of the Euston Area Plan review which are agnostic to station design.</li> <li>○ The timescales assume a decision on station design is made in April 2021 –if this slips the programme may need to adjust.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | <p>Impacts of delay noted</p>  |
| <p><b>Euston Healthy Streets update - TfL</b></p>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew Meeson, Lead Sponsor for HS2 at TfL, provided an update to the board on the initial phase of Healthy Streets work, based around developing a joint vision for the streets in the area and highlighting concerns about how current work on buses and Hampstead Road in particular need further consideration in light of healthy streets ambitions.</li> </ul>  | <p>Work to be progressed to ensure that proposals are joined up and any issues flagged.</p>      |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KC highlighted the need for issues to be raised as soon as possible to ensure that work is co-ordinated.</li></ul> |  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>   |  |