

<b>Item No.</b> 6.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 22 April 2013	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council
<b>Report title:</b>		Deputation Requests	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All wards	
<b>From:</b>		Proper Constitutional Officer	

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council consider a deputation request from representatives of the Kennington and Walworth Neighbourhood Action Group relating to Transport for London's plans for an extension to the Northern Line and the implications of these proposals both for residents in Walworth who live close to the proposed shafts and for all who use Kennington Park and Kennington tube station.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

3. When considering whether to hear the deputation request, the community council can decide:
  - To receive the deputation at this meeting or a future meeting; or
  - That the deputation not be received; or
  - To refer the deputation to the most appropriate committee/sub-committee.
4. The deputation shall consist of no more than six persons, including the spokesperson.
5. Only one member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting, her or his speech being limited to five minutes.
6. Councillors may ask questions of the deputation, which shall be answered by their spokesperson or any member of the deputation nominated by her or him for up to five minutes at the conclusion of the spokesperson's questions, the deputation will be shown to the public area where they may listen to the remainder of the open section of the meeting.

### **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

7. Deputation requests have been submitted by representatives of those mentioned above. A deputation can be submitted by a person of any age who lives, works or studies in Southwark. Deputations must relate to matters which the council has powers or duties or which affects Southwark.
8. If more than one deputation is to be heard in respect of one subject there shall be no debate until each deputation has been presented. The monitoring officer shall, in writing, formally communicate the decision of the meeting to the person who submitted the request for the deputation to be received.

## **Kennington and Walworth Neighbourhood Action Group**

9. The deputation would like to discuss Transport for London's plans for an extension to the Northern Line and the implications of these proposals both for residents in Walworth who live close to the proposed shafts and for all who use Kennington Park and Kennington tube station.

### **Procedure for deputations**

11. At the meeting, the spokesperson for the deputation will be invited to speak up to five minutes on the subject matter. The community council will debate the deputation and at the conclusion of the deputation the chair will seek the consent of councillors to debate the subject. Councillors may move motions and amendments without prior notice if the subject does not relate to a report on the agenda. The meeting can decide to note the deputation or provide support if requested to do so. The community council shall not take any formal decision(s) on the subject raised unless a report is on the agenda
12. Any relevant resource or community impact issues will be contained in the comments of the strategic director.

### **Community impact statement**

13. The Southwark Constitution allows for deputations to be made by groups of people resident or working in the borough.

### **REASONS FOR URGENCY**

14. The deputation requests were received in line with the constitutional deadline for the receipt of deputation requests and is therefore eligible for consideration by the community council as to whether or not to hear the deputation at this meeting.
15. The deadline for the receipt of deputation requests was 16 April 2013, after the community council despatch on 12 April 2013. It has therefore not been possible to send out this report five clear days in advance of the meeting because of the need to ensure that all deputation requests received by the deadline were included in this report.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS**

#### **Director of Planning**

16. The Council is generally supportive of the project as a whole, as an example of major transport infrastructure to support development and regeneration. However, we do still have a number of concerns about the project which have, as yet, not been answered. Those concerns are:

Post-construction Operational Impact - The extension and projected growth in passengers will have an impact on levels of crowding on trains, and potentially the ability of passengers to board at stations in Southwark. TfL has not yet provided any data to give reassurance on this issue.

Operational Impact During Construction - We understand that proposed construction methods will require minimal disruption to services, but have yet to see a formal report on this matter. Earlier proposals would have led to significant disruption to passengers.

Works at Kennington Station - The station needs some works to cater for increased passenger interchange, but we are concerned that no solution is proposed for the current congestion in the ticket hall and lifts, or to address ongoing concerns about antisocial behaviour there.

Impact of Construction Activity - We support the alternative "gallery tunnels" approach to ground stabilisation as it removes the need for the temporary shaft in Harmsworth Street, and believe this is the best way to minimise the impact on residents. If this method can't be used for technical reasons, and the shaft in Harmsworth Street is necessary, we will work to secure the best protection and compensation we can for residents. Similarly, while we believe that TfL still has some questions to answer about the choice of location of the permanent shaft in Kennington Park, not least concerns over the flaws in their consultation and lack of consideration of alternative options, we will work to protect residents and park users from the effects of construction wherever the permanent shaft is located.

17. The Transport & Works Act Order application is due to be lodged formally by TfL by the end of April, with a public inquiry expected later in the year.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Written correspondence received from representatives of the Rosenthorpe Action Group and Bellenden Residents' Group	160 Tooley Street, London SE1P 5LX	Beverley Olamijulo 020 7525 7234

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