### London Power Tunnels

### Bengeworth Road Community Liaison Group meeting #4

7 September 2021







# Introductions

#### Meet the team

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### Housekeeping

- Everyone should have the function to have videos on please let us know if not.
- We kindly request you remain on mute until you speak or want to ask a question – this helps to minimise echoing on the call and prevents talking over each other.
- Please use the raise hand function to ask any questions.
- Feel free to use the chat function to make any general comments.
- If you would rather ask your question anonymously, feel free to email us on <u>nationalgrid@londonpowertunnels.co.uk</u>
- We will be recording the session for **internal purposes only** to ensure we capture all the feedback and your comments. We will send through a copy of the minutes post-event.



# This meeting

#### What we want to cover today

- 1. LPT needs case
- 2. Start of works and decision notice
- 3. UK Power Networks update
- 4. Timescales
- 5. Your questions

## **LPT Needs case**



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- Our work at Bengeworth Road is part of rewiring the capital and keeping the lights on for Londoners.
- Ensuring future repair and maintenance can be carried out with minimal disruption to traffic, businesses and residents.
- At Bengeworth Road, we had a connection request from UK Power Networks which we are obliged to bring forward.
- Incorporating this connection into the wider LPT programme provides best value for consumers and best meets demand capacity and diversity of supply within South London.



## **Start of works**

#### **Start of works and Screening Decision Update**

- Since April, we have worked closely with the council to bring forward the engineering solutions we discussed at the last CLG. These were:
  - Removing the need to tunnel from the site
  - Removing the need to tunnel under properties adjacent to site
  - A significant reduction in HGV movements
  - Access to and from site via the Hospital road (and subsequent two-way access agreement)
- The process to receive a decision on our April screening took longer than we were initially told and the continued delay threatened to cause significant problems for our programme of essential works.

#### Start of works and Screening Decision Update cont.

- Since April we have completed temporary works on site. On the 23 August, with the programme at considerable risk from any further delays, we began permanent works.
- These were permitted through the previous screening opinion (received in December 2020) and required by our duties as statutory undertakers.
- On 3 September we received a negative screening opinion and signed a Unilateral Undertaking with the Council to ensure that the mitigations outlined in this screening were enforceable by Lambeth.
- The latter agreement took considerably longer than we anticipated – but we are fully committed to working to the mitigation measures we submitted in our April submission to the council.

### **Start of works**

- We will continue shaft sinking works until January 2022.
- The activity undertaken will generally remain constant during this period and HGVs will continue to access and leave the site via Kings College Hospital business park.
- Our permitted working hours remain 8am 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am – 1pm Saturday.
- The result of the negative screening and our continuation of temporary and permanent works to date means we will deliver our works on time, which are vital to rewire London in order to ensure a safe and secure supply of energy to the capital.



### New two-way access route via KCH



# UK Power Networks update

#### Addressing noise concerns

- National Grid and UK Power Networks continue to work closely together to keep any noise to a minimum and are sorry to learn of your concerns about increased activity, particularly at night-time.
- Working together, we have moved a large amount of stored equipment further away from properties to reduce the impact of our works.
- We have met with several residents to better understand your concerns and discuss potential solutions.
- Residents also informed us of rubbish blowing onto their gardens. UK Power Networks will follow up and speak with affected residents directly to discuss erecting netting around the site to prevent this from happening.

## Timescales

#### Activity over the coming years

- August 2021: Shaft works began
- October 2021: Welfare and office accommodation block installed
- January 2022: Shaft works complete
- May 2022: Majority of below ground works complete (shaft and dividing wall)
- Late 2021/Spring 2022: Engagement starts with local residents on substation and headhouse designs.
- 2023 2025: Substation and headhouse construction
- 2026: Work complete

## **Questions?**