### London Power Tunnels

### Bengeworth Road Community Liaison Group meeting #3

27 April 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. Withdrawal of Certificate of Lawful Development application
- 2. A project update: what we've done since July 2020
- 3. Next steps
- 4. Current works on site
- 5. Engagement with you
- 6. Your questions

Withdrawal of Certificate of Lawful Development application

### Withdrawal of Certificate of Lawful Development application

- We submitted our initial screening assessment in July 2020 and have been in conversation with the council since then. As part of our own due diligence we have been exploring a number of alternative engineering solutions, which we are now screening again.
- Following considerable engagement with Lambeth Council, we withdrew our application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for our initial plans at Bengeworth Road at the end of March 2021, following considerable engagement with Lambeth Council
- Our new screening assessment will reflect engineering decisions since July 2020. This includes the alternative access and alignment of the tunnel.

A project update: what we've done since July 2020





#### **Previous access routes**

**Our existing screening** option proposed two access routes. This planned for access to the site via Padfield Road and proposed egress via Harbour Road.

Site Boundary

Option 1 Option 2

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### **Positive outcomes since July 2020**

# What these project changes mean for the project and local residents:

- 1. Less work on site during the first main phase of works
- 2. Significant reduction in overall HGV numbers
- 3. Fewer noise and dust producing activities
- 4. Requirement for night-time working reduced (potentially removed)
- 5. Fewer HGV movements on the local residential roads (daily and overall)

## **Next steps**

#### The next few months (proposed consenting timescales)

End of April: Screening assessment submitted.

**May:** 21-day council consultation and review of documentation. Residents will be able to submit comments on the Council website so they are recorded formally.

**June:** council considers the screening assessment and makes a decision on the outcome.

**July:** Next steps subject to council determination. If negative, the project will submit an Application for Certificate of Lawfulness.

There will be another opportunity to comment on the permanent buildings later this year once the design has developed. These buildings and their finish will be subject to prior approval from the Council.

Please note exact timings are to be determined.

# Our timeline is important for London and end consumers

We only have four and a half years to build this vital infrastructure. We have agreed the process outlined in the previous slide with Lambeth Council to:

- Remove the requirement to work 24/7 for the tunnel adits
- Avoid prolonging overall works and our presence on site
- Avoid impacting consumer bills through missing the project programme
- Minimise delays to re-wiring London and connecting the capital.

Ultimately, our aim is to incorporate the integrated engineering solutions into the new screening to ensure the best outcome for local residents, the Council and South Londoners.

# Current works on site

### **National Grid works**

- We are not proceeding with the previously proposed shaft construction works at this time.
- Over the next 4-6 weeks, we will continue the site establishment activities that would have otherwise been completed in parallel to the shaft works, this includes:
  - Completing the final well installations and tests
  - Foundations for crane and muck bay areas
  - Road barriers, hoardings and welfare connections.
- Our working hours remain the same and we will continue to ensure we adhere to them and mitigate any potential noise disruption to residents as far as practicable.

### **UK Power Networks operational site**

- We are aware of inquiries that have arisen from night time activities at Bengeworth Road.
- The works taking place are UK Power Networks' operational works to maintain the network in South London, and can often be reactive in nature. Site management staff are constantly looking at ways to minimise disruption to our neighbours.
- You'll most likely get a response from National Grid's community relations team, but that is to ensure a single point of contact. Please be reassured that National Grid and UK Power Networks are working closely to ensure that we address any concerns raised.
- We'd like to remind you of our hotline (0800 783 2855), which operates 24/7. Our community relations team is on hand to answer your queries.



# Engagement with you

### **Engagement with the community**

- We are here today to update you all on our position with the council and next steps.
- Following this, the council will carry out a consultation on our new screening report following its submission. They will contact residents directly about this (during this period there will be no CLG meeting).
- Following the council consultation we will hold the next CLG.
- In the meantime, National Grid's email and 24/7 hotline will continue as usual for operational queries.
  - Email: nationalgrid@londonpowertunnels.co.uk
  - Telephone: 0800 783 2855



### **Questions?**