

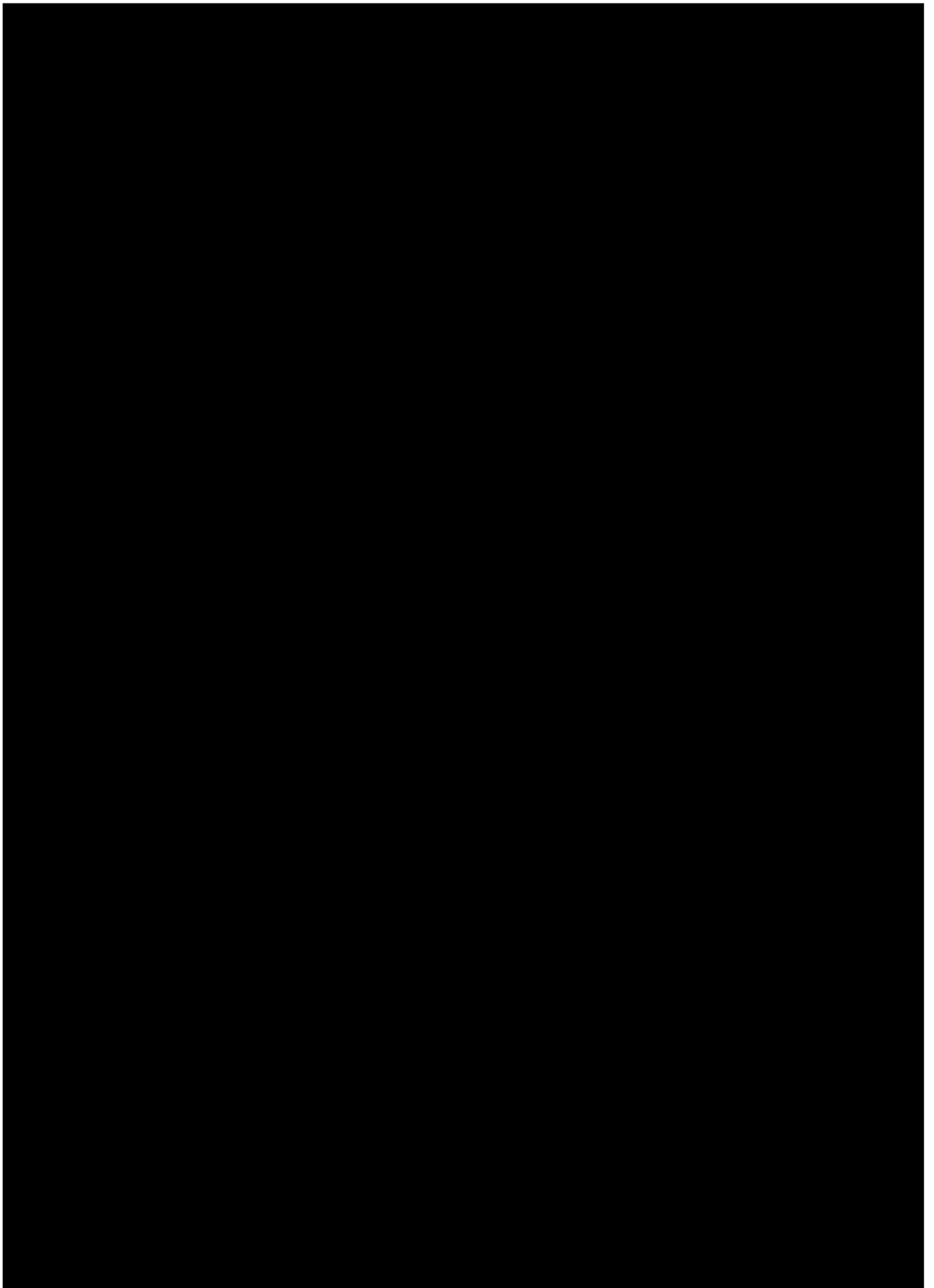
**IDAG Minutes**  
**Thursday 11 July 2024**  
**2.30pm to 4:30pm**

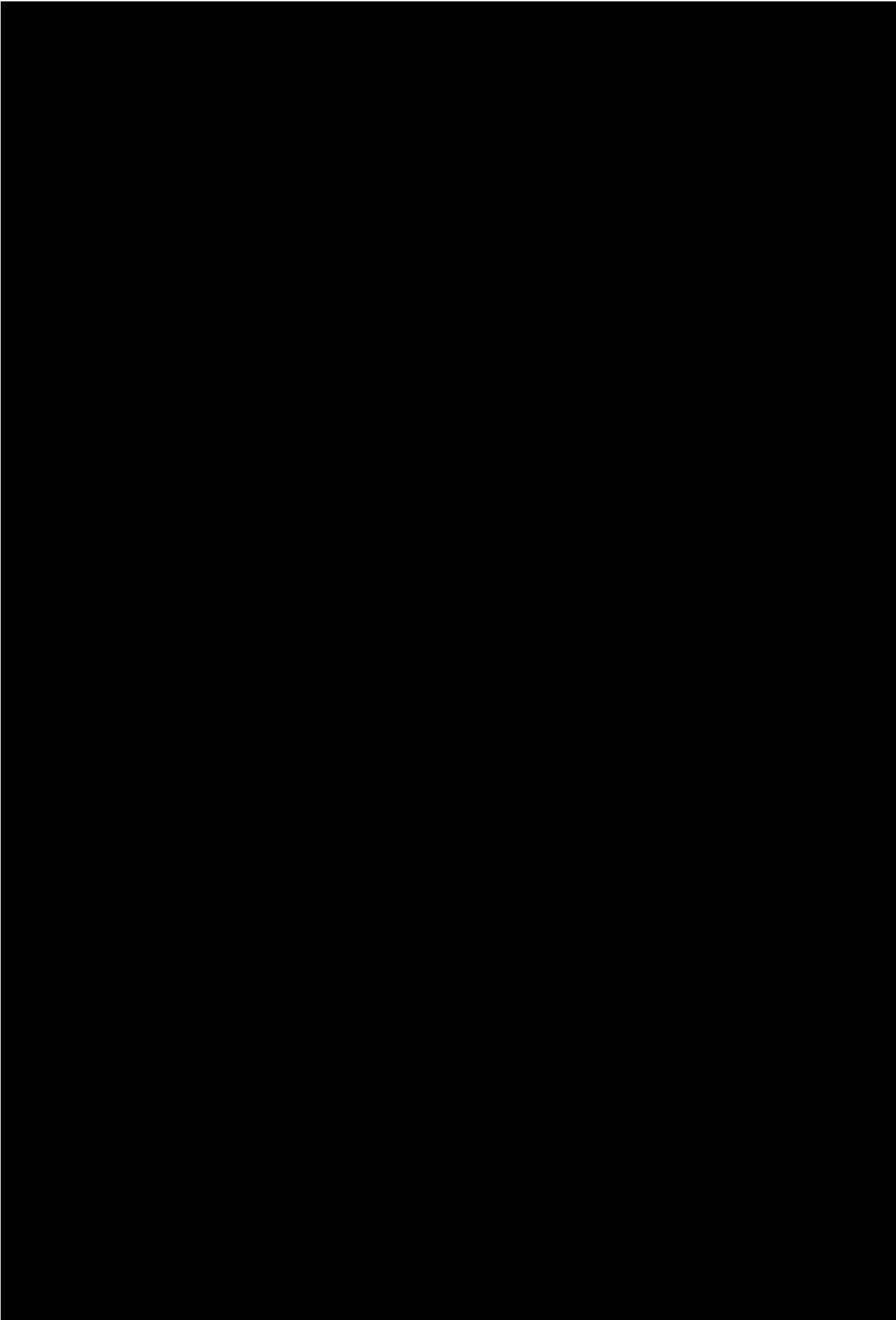
<b>Attendees</b>	
[REDACTED]	IDAG Member (Deputy Chair)
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	Diversity & Inclusion Specialist
	IDAG Member
<b>Apologies</b>	
[REDACTED]	IDAG Member
	IDAG Member (Chair)
	IDAG Member
Denise French	D&I Programme Officer
<b>Session 1:</b> [REDACTED]	
Alice Day	Open Innovation Manager
Chloe Hunter	Operational Policy Officer
<b>Session 2: Rotherhithe Tunnel - Evacuation Exercise</b>	
[REDACTED]	Tunnel Manager (External: Jacobs)
Laurie Kenny	Road Tunnel Safety Officer

➤ **Welcome and Minutes of the Last Meeting**

- Chair welcomed the group and acknowledged apologies.
- Minutes of the last meeting will be shared next week

➤ **Session 1:**





➤ **Session 2: Rotherhithe Tunnel - Evacuation Exercise**

➤ **IDAG Clarifications**

- Are you looking for pedestrians or people in cars to take part?
- Will there be assistance available?
- Is there a process in place where staff enter the tunnel in the case of emergency?
- Is the physical space similar to Blackwall?
- What tests have been done so far with disabled people what other groups have been engaged?
- Have you spoken to colleagues who have also done evacuation exercises?

➤ **TfL Clarifications**

- We are open to have all participants – we would need to plan a procedure when provide more detail. It is not required to bring a car, but one will be provided to test evacuation.
- What we're looking to prove is what is the response time for people with a range of mobility
- There is no process for staff assistance; we would rely on emergency services to assist individuals
- We will consider WAV's and look into how we can consider this

➤ **IDAG Comments**

- Consider if someone is in a car and cannot get out of the car or access their mobility aid independently
- Potential scenario – if you're driving a WAV and need to exit via the rear doors – How will this be possible in traffic?
- WAVs will be different sizes, different exit/entrance – side and rear and some will have different size and length ramps
- You need to consider a range of different disabled people, visually impaired, deaf and hearing impairments, think about people with neurodivergent or mental health conditions, wheelchair users, mobility impairments but without a mobility aid and are just on a car ride
- The distance to get out of the tunnel may be difficult for some
- Lots of reports from Grenfell – lots of disabled people died and weren't able to evacuate
- Most likely VIP will have assistance but we cannot assume – you may want to look at:
  - People may not know which way they need to evacuate
  - Need space to allow for VIP and their guide side-by-side
- Can share video footage from other test studies
- Effects of smoke should be similar to the effects for visually impaired
- Previous studies have found VIP in darkness are able to navigate better than someone who doesn't have a visually impairment

- If there are two lanes of cars, there would be no space for a wheelchair user to leave their vehicle
- Lots of members are happy to take part
- Would suggest a mix of disabled and non-disabled for a test for a realistic exercise
- You need a plan for pregnant people or someone who has an injury/on their way to hospital
- What are you doing to get other disabled people involved and what is the incentive?
- Mobileoo or info on changing places route
- Transport department at Imperial have a lot of data analysis on evacuations.

➤ **AOB**

1. IDAG video is finally ready and can be viewed here - <https://youtu.be/LQXijMjiN4U> = feel free to share.
2. Can any IDAG member attend this event? - [Riding into the Future: Celebrating 3 Years of E-Scooter Innovation Tickets, Tue 23 Jul 2024 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#) – [REDACTED]
3. Buses colleagues are looking to gain a better understanding of the impact of bus shelter seating (types and locations) on accessibility, and would like IDAG's input. Would anyone be interested in taking a look at a range of different bus shelters and supporting the team with this work? [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
4. Action tracker – please can everyone take a look and make sure this is up to date? EQIAs and direct project support please.
5. Inclusive Transport Forum update – [REDACTED] has volunteered but has attended recently – we're keen to get a mix of IDAG members attend so if anyone else is available that would be great! Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – only needed for 15 minutes **12.15-12.30** - [REDACTED]