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Dear Mr Robottom,

I am writing on behalf of the Westcombe Society, respondent SILV-411, with my speaking notes from today's Open Floor Hearing on the Silvertown Tunnel.

Attached also please find a screenshot map showing the area with the particular line of the proposed noise and pollution barrier highlighted.

The Westcombe Society is a local amenity society, bounded on one side by the A102 which leads north to the Blackwall Tunnel, and on the other by the Buffer Zone of the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site. We have some 2000 members, and run a local newsletter which is distributed free to around 3200 homes in the area. We have held consultations with residents and met TfL on several occasions to discuss the impacts of the Silvertown Tunnel.

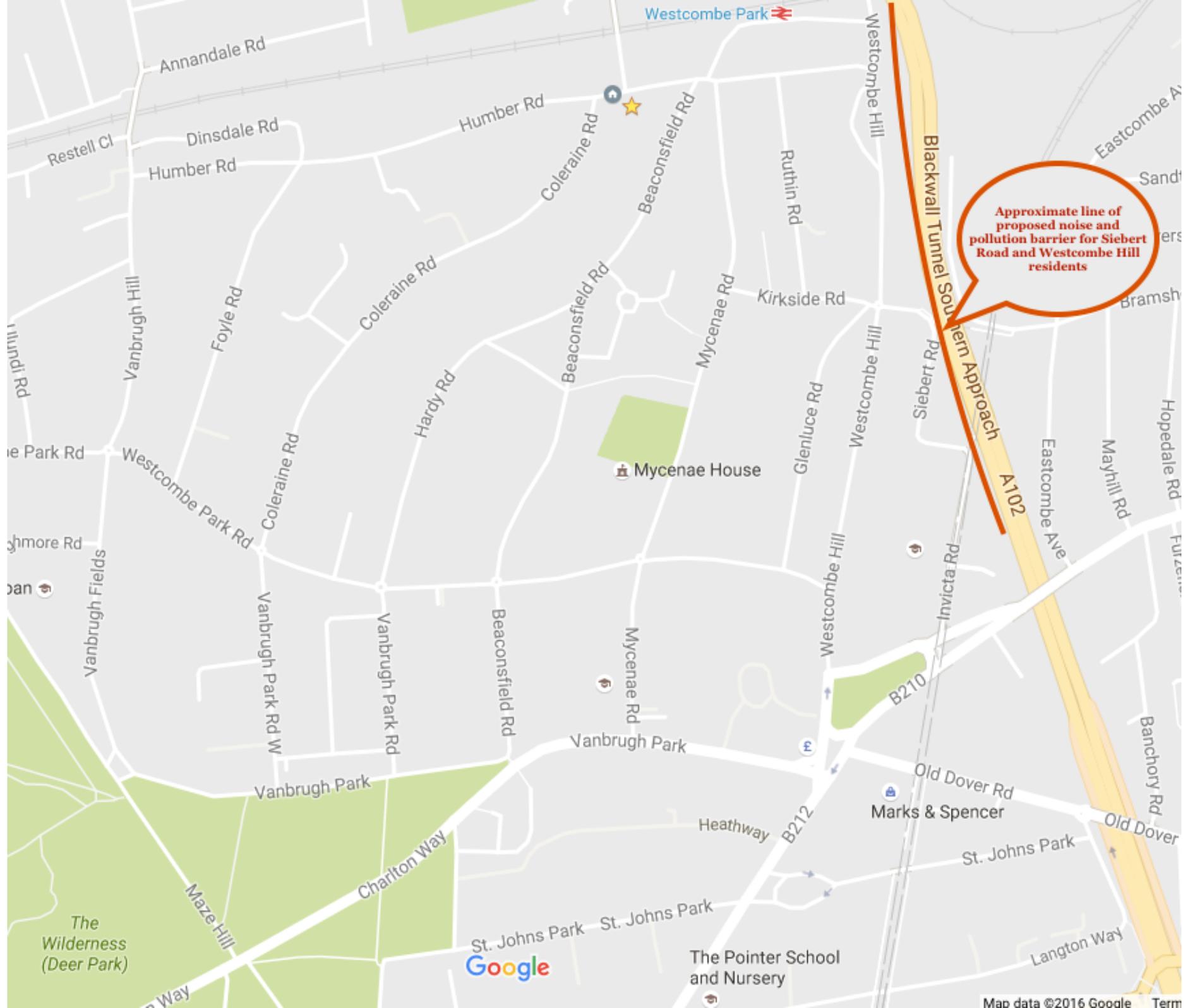
The Westcombe Society cannot support this project unless we are convinced that it will meet its objectives without negative impact to our area.

We have several key concerns:

- The probability of additional traffic on the A102, including full-sized HGVs which will have access to the north through the Silvertown tunnel. Extra HGV traffic has the potential to increase significantly noise and air pollution, with little sign that that lorry emissions will be improved in coming years.
- Economic impacts of charging on local residents and businesses, who may well suffer given the tidal flows of traffic which will be charged more heavily as a means of keeping traffic at its current level at peak hours. While the London First representative pointed to more dependable access, there are economic disadvantages which could counterbalance any reliability benefits.
- Traffic effects on local roads. We are concerned about impacts from drivers seeking uncharged crossings at Rotherhithe and further west or at Woolwich (depending on whether the Ferry becomes charged, a matter of discussion between the Royal Borough of Greenwich, Newham, and TfL), and from drivers through the area attracted to a quick and clear crossing. Both flows and the combination of the two could impact the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site via roads through our area, which includes some of the Buffer Zone.
- Construction traffic: we already have a significant problem from construction lorries from the Greenwich Peninsula and elsewhere seeking to avoid congestion on Shooters Hill Road across Blackheath, by using local roads. This is under discussion with the Royal Borough of Greenwich. We would want assurances that construction traffic would not use local roads, and strong monitoring of this with adequate measures to ensure compliance.
- Last year TfL agreed with Royal Borough of Greenwich that it would provide a barrier against noise and air pollution, between the A102 and the gardens of homes in Siebert Road and Westcombe Hill, if the Development Consent Order is granted. We will want to see assurances that this will be carried out.

Yours faithfully,

Anne Robbins



Approximate line of proposed noise and pollution barrier for Siebert Road and Westcombe Hill residents

Blackwall Tunnel Southern Approach
A102

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