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Subject: Noise/Pollution Barrier on Blackwall Tunnel Approach
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am glad to hear the excellent news that the installation of noise and pollution protection barriers along the Blackwall Tunnel approach is finally being considered.

Given the extreme noise levels and the air pollution levels already by far exceeding EU air pollution limits it is very good news that steps will be taken to protect people from the negative effects of living near one of London's main traffic arteries.

I think there can be now doubt about the harmful and deadly effect of air pollution on humans of the life-course, as just recently demonstrated again in the report by the RCP and the RCPCH (see <https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/projects/outputs/every-breath-we-take-lifelong-impact-air-pollution>).

The EU Directive on air pollution therefore explicitly stresses the importance of the protection of children, see for instance point 12 in the High Court's declaration regarding the UK Government's failure to meet the requirements of the EU Directive (November 2016): "The air quality plans may additionally include specific measures aiming at the protection of sensitive population groups, including children."

(Source: <http://www.documents.clientearth.org/wp-content/uploads/library/2016-11-02-high-court-judgment-on-clientearth-no-2-vs-ssefra-on-uk-air-pollution-plans-ext-en.pdf>)

In the light of these facts and the empirical data available it must be beyond doubt that not only the residents along the Blackwall Tunnel Approach, but especially the most vulnerable citizen in these areas, such as children and the elderly urgently need protection from the noise and air pollution produced by the constant traffic on the A2.

It is therefore extremely surprising to hear that (a) the construction of such vital barrier has been linked to the construction of the Silverlink Tunnel (which of course will attract significant amounts of additional traffic and pollution!) as a precondition and (b) that the most vulnerable members of society have been neglected in these plans.

Maybe there is a second sheet of this map that I'm not aware of, because otherwise I wonder why the barriers on the map (see copy below) seem to end at the top of Siebert Road, leaving unprotected not only all the children attending Invicta Primary School in Invicta Road, but also those walking to other local schools and nurseries while breathing air with dangerously high levels of pollution.

Discontinuing the barriers on this stretch of the Blackwall Tunnel Approach also means that the residents of the houses on the East side of Invicta Road as well as the residents of the retirement/sheltered housing in Wentworth House will continue to be exposed to

dangerously high levels of noise and air pollution.

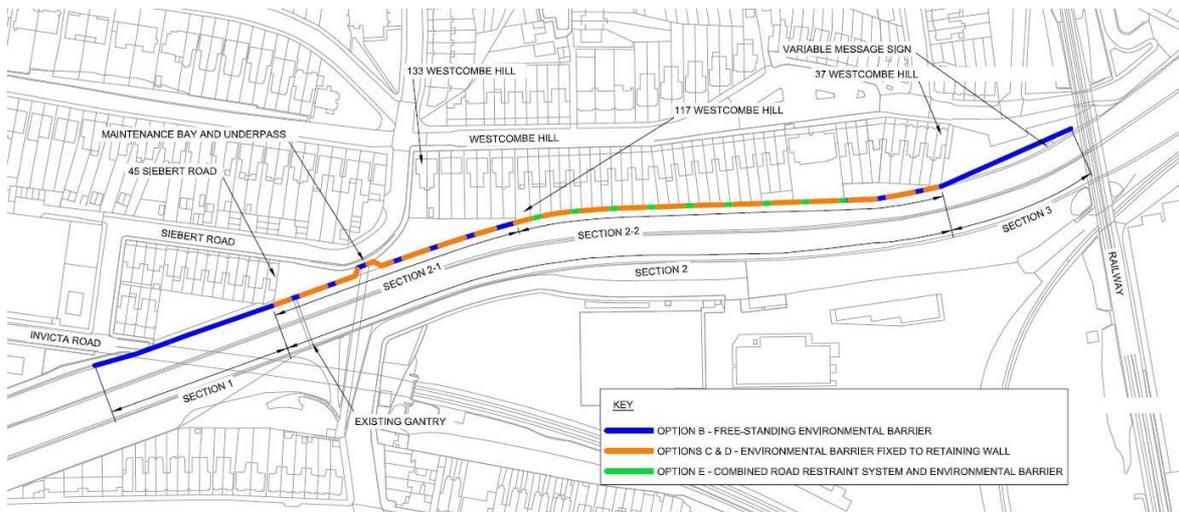
I hope most sincerely that these plans will be altered and that noise and air pollution barriers will be installed as soon as possible along the entire length of Invicta Road, Siebert Road and Westcombe Hill to protect all local residents - including the most vulnerable ones - from the harmful and deadly effects of noise and air pollution caused by traffic on the Blackwall Tunnel Approach.

Yours sincerely,
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