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Subject: Siebert Road feedback and questions following the AQ, Noise & Pollution Meeting (18th Jan)
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Good Morning

Firstly, may I thank you for allowing the Siebert Road residents opinions to be heard at the meeting. Just knowing we have been heard gave us a huge morale boost. Also, on a personal note, I found the meeting incredibly interesting and informative, knowing that this much research goes on with regards to such huge projects is incredibly reassuring.

The Siebert Road residents have not changed their opinion, we are still united in agreement that the barrier is desperately needed for the residents of Westcombe Hill, Siebert Road and Invicta Road. Ensuring the barriers run from the bottom of Westcombe Hill, up Siebert Road to the top of Invicta Road (westwards towards the B210) is incredibly important to us. The impact of poor AQ on children's health is staggering, we can not underestimate the serious damage air pollutants can do to children. I have included a link to the Mayors website regarding AQ, and also a link to a Guardian article from 2015. We are trying to encourage our children to get outside and play, to be with nature and their friends, but it is actually better for their health if they stay inside and watch TV!

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/pollution-and-air-quality/air-quality-and-health>

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/jan/08/air-pollution-will-scar-londons-children-for-rest-their-lives>

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Air pollution refers to substances in the air that harm human health, welfare, plant or animal life. Most pollution in London is caused by road transport and domestic ...

We are all extremely concerned about the 400 extra OHV per day that will pass by the back of our homes too. Whilst TfL argued this number may decrease due to a change in land use, this development could take years, so we now have more concerns about noise and vibrations causing damage to our homes, as well as pollution.

I was interested to hear the conflicting opinions regarding speed limits. TfL announced that the speed limit in the Silvertown Tunnel would be 30mph, we would like to know what the speed limit would be entering and exiting the tunnel? And also, if a 30mph speed limit does address some pollution and noise issues, is this something that can also be put in to place on the Blackwall Tunnel Approach?

We are also concerned that there isn't enough being done to mitigate the pollution. Monitoring is not enough, by the time TfL realise the AQ is bad we will have already been living with it. Mitigation strategies must be identified and quickly and easily put into place. Throughout the meeting TfL stated that the Silvertown Tunnel would not make AQ worse, it also wont make it any better, as I stated in the meeting and I will re-iterate here, the AQ on Siebert Road is already terrible, the pollution is 2.5 times higher than EU limits!

As a concerned group of neighbours we do not know whether it would be better for a guarantee of the building of our barriers be built in to the DCO or via another legal commitment. We rely upon our local Councillors, MPs and specialists to advise us on this. TfL have insisted they are committed to the barriers and will consult us on the building of them, we

would just like a legal guarantee that this will happen before the building of the Silvertown Tunnel. Ensuring this is incredibly important to us as it will mitigate the noise, vibration and pollution from the construction traffic.

As TfL did not know whether noise barriers did mitigate pollution I have also attached a link to a very interesting article from The Boston Globe, written in 2009, which states studies have proven these barriers can reduce pollution by 50%.

http://archive.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/12/20/highway_barriers_block_much_more_than_sound/

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It's tough to think about car exhaust and eight-lane highways when you're in a sparse Idaho desert, staring at bales of straw. But such was the task ...

Many thanks

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