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Silvertown Tunnel Case Team,
The Planning Inspectorate,
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Temple Quay,
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Dear Sir

I am writing to register the strongest possible objection to the planned construction of the Silvertown Tunnel.

I have lived in this area for over 45 years and witnessed the destructive effect of the existing tunnel and its A102 feeder road. This has redirected huge volumes of traffic from a wide area towards inner London creating almost constant noise and unbearable air pollution, especially near the A2 and from the Woolwich flyover to the Blackwall tunnel.

By doubling the cross river tunnel capacity, TfL's plan will potentially double the traffic volumes. For TfL to say that this will lower the existing ghastly air pollution would be laughable if the impacts on our local population were not so horrific.

"Don't you worry", they say, "the traffic will be flowing so smoothly that, despite a massive increase in vehicle numbers, the air will be so much better". This is an absurd contention which they then obfuscate with a tsunami of unintelligible statistics and bureaucratic gobbledygook. Amongst many other omissions they seem to have ignored the fact that when the evening tidal flow of vehicles southbound from the Blackwall is joined by heavy traffic on the A2 from central London the resulting slow moving crawl of traffic stretches from Kidbrooke to the Blackwall. If TfL is allowed to double the cross river traffic this whole area will grind to a halt.

So much for their fantasy of sweet smelling traffic flowing smoothly on their brand new billion pound folly.

If the hidden agenda is a strategic alternative following a major incident at the M25 Dartford crossing then how much better (and cheaper) to build two bridges - one at Belvedere and another at Gallions Reach. This would spread the load over three crossings rather than one.

However, this part of South East London is in desperate need of a huge investment in mass transit public transport. What we don't need is massive waste of public money on a project that will aim yet more traffic into the heart of London and inject more poisonous fumes into the lungs of our children.

Please end this nonsense now.

Stop the Silvertown Tunnel.

Yours faithfully

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