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Dear Sir/Madam,

Application by Transport for London (TfL) (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Silvertown Tunnel.

In response to the request for comments from interest parties the council has the following comments to make in relation to the Updated Air quality Assessment:-

1. The assessment has been carried out using the same methodology as previous air quality assessments, so the council’s previous discussions in respect of the methodology is applicable.
2. The assessment does not show that the Silvertown Tunnel Scheme will meet the requirements of article 23 of the 2008/50/EC “Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe” Directive. Article 23 imposes a three fold obligations on the Secretary of State; he must aim to achieve compliance by the soonest date possible; he must choose a route to that objective which reduces exposure as quickly as possible; and that he must take steps which mean meeting the value limits is not just possible, but likely. The impact assessment in section 3 does not assess whether the scheme will ensure the achievement of compliance in the shortest period of time in the London area.
3. In paragraph 3.1.19 it states that the Silvertown Tunnel Scheme does not impact on the Defra Air Quality Plan for Greater London Urban Area, but there is no mention of whether the Silvertown Tunnel Scheme will have an impact on the adjacent Local Authority Air Quality Action Plans. For the Southwark area there is a potential that the displaced traffic will affect the Lower Road area.

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