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London Borough of Greenwich, Development Planning,
Peggy Middleton House,
50 Woolwich New Road,
London SE18 6HQ

Dear Sir or Madam,

I hereby register my individual objection to the proposed Thames Gateway road bridge scheme, and urge the council to reject the planning application, and for a public inquiry to be called for, so that there can be a proper examination of the issues of concern. These include:

Transport for London (TfL) say there would be 20 million vehicles a year using the bridge, meaning the scheme would add to breaches in Government and European air quality limits. The 11 roads shown to have the worst increases in traffic volumes are in the south. TfL also say traffic noise would cause a "moderate/substantial adverse effect" at 3 local primary schools, and night time noise disturbance meaning that "some residents may need to sleep with their windows closed" would particularly affect the south.

This scheme would, according to TfL, have "little impact" on traffic congestion on existing local crossings in the morning rush hour, with traffic through the Blackwall tunnel "remaining more or less unchanged". They estimate that traffic speeds are due to get slower in some areas and might hardly improve in others, in the morning rush hour.

If Crossrail is built, TfL say public transport usage on the bridge would drop off significantly and this would mean a review of services. Public transport provision should be a priority as the latest census data shows 41% of Greenwich residents do not own a car.

The potential job increases claimed for the scheme by TfL are based on a dubious comparison with west London. Even with similar levels of accessibility in the east of London, the area is unlikely to match job levels of the west - for instance as the area is already blighted by sewage works, with the road scheme itself adding more blight through pollution and noise.

There should be proper evaluation of what transport schemes would be most cost effective in benefiting the local area and improving access, without adding to the environmental problems of the area. Local people should be given a choice of alternative schemes, and not just offered this large road scheme on a take-it-or-leave-it basis.

Yours faithfully,
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