

COUNCILLOR JOHN WATERS

THAMES GATEWAY BRIDGE – SUMMARY PROOF OF EVIDENCE

I am a London Borough of Bexley Councillor. I represent Danson Park Ward, through which run Danson Road and Brampton Road. These are among the roads which form the main direct north-south route between the TGB and the A2.

In summary, I wish to make two main points. These are:

1. to emphasise that when Bexley's Planning Control Committee made its representations to Greenwich, this was not a matter of Bexley's Committee simply accepting a recommendation from officers. Councillors were actively involved in determining the policy. The officer recommendation to the Committee was that we "remain concerned" about the traffic levels. I moved - and it was unanimously agreed by the Committee - that we should toughen-up our response to Greenwich, to say that "planning permission should not be granted" until a full traffic impact assessment had been carried out, and mitigation measures agreed and funded.
2. to mention some of the mitigating measures which I would consider essential if approval were given for the bridge. These include improvements to the A206/A2016 in Erith, to encourage traffic to use this route between the TGB and the M25.

I will not call any witnesses.

I do not wish to cross-examine any other witnesses.

I would ask that the inspector's site visit should include inspecting the entire length of Danson Road and Brampton Road.