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St Michael's Ward

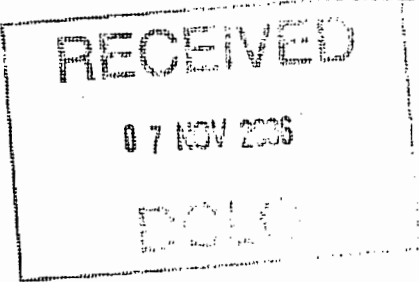
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Rt Hon Ruth Kelly MP
Secretary of State
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Dear Mrs Kelly

Re: The Thames Gateway Bridge Public Inquiry

I am writing on behalf of residents in St Michael's ward to urge you to refuse planning permission for the proposed Thames Gateway Bridge.

This proposal will have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of residents in my ward and across Bexley due to the increased traffic levels and congestion that it will generate. Transport for London's original figures on which they based this development were flawed, and had to be withdrawn late into the Public Inquiry, which severely delayed the Inspector's report.

It is apparent that TfL know nothing of the infrastructure of Bexley, nor the wants and needs of its residents. Their plan contradicts plans to reduce and congestion by increasing it further. TfL should invest in public transport in Bexley as we have no Tube, DLR or any inclusion in the Crossrail plans.

Increased traffic levels will also have consequences for the environment and for health. Bexley has one of the worst levels of air quality in London due to our industrial history, and one of the highest levels of childhood asthma. The proposed Bridge will add to this further, with congestion causing higher pollution and lower air quality. Bexley was not mentioned in their Proof of Evidence on Noise Pollution, and the Proof of Evidence on Air Quality said that emissions will increase. This will seriously affect quality of life.

In the interests of people in my ward, and residents across Bexley, I urge you to reject this proposal. I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of my letter. I have also written to Douglas Alexander, Secretary of State for Transport.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Matthew Scott
Working for St Michael's Ward