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17 November 2006

Dear Ruth

Re: The Thames Gateway Bridge

I am writing on behalf of constituents and myself to strongly urge you to reject planning permission for the proposed Thames Gateway Bridge. I believe that it is not in the interest of residents on transport, environmental and planning grounds and will badly affect quality of life.

The increased traffic travelling through Bexley Borough will have many implications, such as extra noise, pollution and congestion, on what are at times already busy roads. The proposed Bridge will only create traffic problems, not traffic solutions. Transport for London held up the Inquiry by submitting incorrect traffic forecasts and having to submit new ones.

Recent proposals made by the Department for Transport to increase tolls at the Dartford Crossing will have a knock on effect for traffic forecasts and pollution in Bexley also.

There are also environmental consequences of an increase in traffic. Emissions will rise due to congestion, and there will be problems with noise nuisance. Bexley has one of the highest rates of childhood asthma in London and a poor overall air quality. With the recent decision to approve the Belvedere waste-to-energy incinerator, air quality will suffer further.

On these grounds, I strongly urge that you reject this development.

Yours ever
David

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19 January 2007

Dear Ruth

Re: Thames Gateway Bridge

I am writing further to previous correspondence on the Thames Gateway Bridge to make further representations as to why permission must not be granted.

A report published by Transport 2000 on 17 January highlights traffic forecasts submitted by Transport for London that traffic will increase with the proposal. "Improving Transport in Outer London" shows that traffic in the London Borough of Bexley increased by 14% between 1996 and 2005 and forecasts traffic growth in the suburbs of London of 14%.

Transport for London's plan for the Thames Gateway Bridge do not correspond with Government target's for carbon emissions as the Mayor must cut traffic levels in outer London by 17%, the report suggests. The traffic increase of 14%, with a further 2.7% with the Bridge (net 15.74%), nearly eradicate the reduction the Mayor needs to make.

In the interests of air quality, noise pollution and reducing carbon emissions, as well as quality of life, this proposal must be rejected.

*Yours ever
David*

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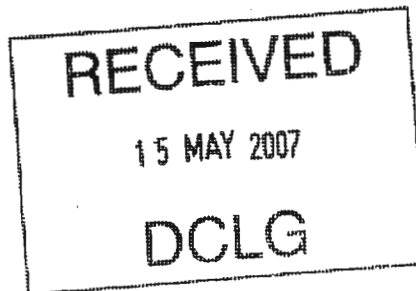


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14 May 2007

Dear Ruth

Re: Thames Gateway Bridge

I understand from a recent advertisement in the *Official Journal of the European Union* that Transport for London are seeking tenders to build the proposed Thames Gateway Bridge.

I was most concerned by this information as a decision has not yet been made on the project. I enclose a copy of the article for your reference.

You will be aware that I remain opposed to this project and believe that planning permission should be refused.

I would be grateful if you could advise me of the situation and for your comments.

Yours ever
David

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Enclosure

Document 2007-110388-EN

11/05/2007 590 European Communities – Works contracts – Notice of works concessions

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UK-London: works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work

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PUBLIC WORKS CONCESSION

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINT(S):

Transport for London, Windsor House, 3rd Floor, 42-50 Victoria Street, Attn: Ruth Slater, UK-London SW1H 0TL. Tel. +44 206 433 6869. E-mail: TGBPresqualification@tfl.gov.uk. Fax +44 206 433 7905.

Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: www.tfl.gov.uk.
Address of the buyer profile: www.tfl.gov.uk/thamesgatewaybridge.

Further information can be obtained at: As in above-mentioned contact point(s).

Specific documentation can be obtained at: As in above-mentioned contact point(s).

Applications must be sent to: As in above-mentioned contact point(s).

I.2) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND MAIN ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES:

Regional or local authority.
General public services.

Other: Implementation of London's transport strategy and management of transport services.

SECTION II: OBJECT OF THE CONCESSION

II.1) DESCRIPTION OF THE CONCESSION

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:

Thames Gateway Bridge Project.

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works:

Realisation, by whatever means of work, corresponding to the requirements specified by the contracting authorities
NUTS code: UK112.

Main site or location of works: Beckton and Thamesmead, London, UK.

II.1.3) Short description of the contract:

The Thames Gateway Bridge (TGB) Project comprises the delivery and operation of a new tolled highway crossing of the River Thames between Beckton in the London Borough of Newham and Thamesmead in the London Borough of Greenwich. The overall aim of the Project is to improve accessibility to and within the Thames Gateway area and support the regeneration of East London, particularly in the immediately adjacent boroughs. Design will be an important aspect of the Project as making London a more attractive, well-designed and green city is one of the Mayor of London's objectives identified in the London Plan. This includes protecting and enhancing the environment, encouraging the use of the River Thames and achieving the highest quality of landscape and urban design.

The project will be approximately 4.8km long and includes a four lane dual carriageway road (two lanes in each direction) for general highway traffic between A13/A406 junction in Beckton and the A2016 in Thamesmead. A principal element of the project is a viaduct of approximately 2.2km in length which crosses the river Thames with a main span of 270m to 290m. The project also includes approach embankments, grade separated junctions and connecting slip-roads.

In addition to the four lanes for general traffic, there will be two dedicated lanes for public transport across Thames Gateway Bridge and on sections of the approach roads. They will allow for connections to public transport networks and also for possible future conversion to carry rail based public transport such as trams or Docklands Light Railway. Pedestrian and cycle paths are also to be provided along the length of the bridge and its approaches.

Transport for London (TfL) intends to procure the Project via a concession, comprising the design, construction, financing, operation, maintenance and eventual hand back of the Project facilities, via the UK Government's Private Finance Initiative (PFI). TfL intends to appoint a Concessionaire who will work in partnership with TfL to deliver the Project on an affordable basis and to the required quality, and also to operate the Project facilities as part of the TfL road network.

It is anticipated that the concession agreement will be based on Version 4 of Standardisation of PFI Contracts (SoPC 4). A significant element of traffic demand risk is expected to be transferred to the Concessionaire through the concession agreement.

The selected Concessionaire will be required to comply with TfL's sustainability requirements.

The planning applications and orders for the Project were the subject of a Public Inquiry between 6/2005 and 5/2006. The decisions of the Secretaries of State are expected in Spring 2007.

Additional information is available in the Prequalification Document. The Prequalification Document is available on request by email at the above mentioned contact point. Further information on the TGB Project may also be found at www.tfl.gov.uk/thamesgatewaybridge.

II.1.4) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):

45200000, 45221111, 45221121, 45233100, 74232230, 50230000, 63222000, 63223100, 63222100, 74231122.

II.2) QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT