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Dear Ms Gibbons

Re: Thames Tunnel – Deptford Church Street Site

Following the close of formal consultation on Phase 1 of the Thames Tunnel in January this year, Council Officers were made aware of a newly proposed CSO interception site known as Deptford Church Street.

The Council objects to the use of this site and considers that there are a number of serious concerns with Thames Water's inclusion of this site, as detailed below.

- The site is adjacent to St Pauls Church Deptford which is a Grade I Listed Building and the works would materially harm the setting of the building;
- There is a historic wall on the site that has been identified by the Council Conservation Officer as being part of the rectory once attached to St Pauls and this will be destroyed or materially damaged as a result of the proposed works;
- The works will be taking place in a Conservation Area;
- Trees will be removed;
- The Crossfield Amenity Green will be made unavailable and inaccessible for an extended period during construction. It is in an area with limited public open space;
- There are two Primary Schools close by St Joseph's Catholic School is opposite the site and the new Tidemill School (due to be completed this year) is close by, and students attending Addey and Stanhope who live in the area may also have their route to and from school affected;
- The effects of noise, vibration and dust on the schools, nearby residents and people worshipping;
- The dust released, given the multiple uses on the site over the centuries, could be contaminated;
- The health of children attending St Josephs Catholic could be adversely effected by dust from construction;
- Given that the proposed works are projected to take 2-3 years – possibly longer, this will impact on a large portion of the children's primary education and the constant noise, dust, and vibration could effect their learning potential;

- There will be a substantial number of vehicle movements resulting from the proposal most of these will involve Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs);
- There may be a requirement to reconfigure the road system as Deptford Church St is a dual carriage way with no break until Creek Road where U turning HGVs would pose a serious safety hazard to other motorists;
- HGVs will also pose a safety risk to children accessing St Josephs Catholic and the new Tidemill School;
- There is likely to be long term disruption to Crossfield and Coffey Streets and a portion of Deptford Church St;
- Road surfaces are likely to be damaged as a result of the high levels of use by HGVs;
- Loss of parking during the construction phase and after.

For these reasons, the Council does not consider Deptford Church Street an appropriate site and encourages Thames Water to consider alternative sites.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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