

Council 16th March 2022
Item 17: Motion: “Pause all work on the Silvertown Tunnel”
Amendment from the Opposition Conservative Group

Proposer: Cllr Nigel Fletcher. Seconder: Cllr Matt Clare.

Delete words from “pause” to “review” inclusive, and replace with:

“review the proposed operation of the Silvertown Tunnel project”

In second paragraph, delete “met”. At end of second paragraph, add “Council requires the Leader to publish the text of this letter on the Council’s website.”

At end, add new paragraphs as follows:

“Council regrets the failure of the Leader and Cabinet to call for an earlier and more timely review, and expresses its concerns about many aspects of the currently proposed project. Council notes it is possible to amend the scheme without further delay to construction even at this stage, and calls on the Mayor and TfL to amend the plans in the following ways:

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- To amend the proposed tolling scheme to incentivise electric passenger vehicles and dissuade heavy commercial traffic.
- To significantly increase the commitment to direct environmental mitigations and measures to manage traffic flow within Greenwich.

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If amended, motion will read:

This Council is calling on the Mayor of London and Transport for London to review the proposed operation of the Silvertown Tunnel project to take into account the Climate Emergency and the Borough's Climate Neutral Plan agreed in November 2021. This follows formal recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny meeting held on 16 February 2022 which followed the Transport and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel meeting (held in December 2021).

Council notes that following the meeting of the Council’s main Overview and

Scrutiny Committee on the 16 February 2022, the Leader has written to the Mayor of London to outline these recommendations and request their consideration. Council requires the Leader to publish the text of this letter on the Council's website.

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