

Enderby Wharf Cruise Ship Terminal Letter Writing Campaign Dec 2016

As part of our ongoing campaign to ensure the Enderby Wharf Cruise Terminal has provision of onshore power we would like to encourage you to take part in a letter writing campaign to the Prime Minister and other key figures who may be able to influence this issue. We believe a personally written letter sent by post will have the most impact, but if you prefer to email this will still have impact. We have provided an example letter on the final page, please use, add to or adapt this as you see fit, personalising to convey your specific concerns and style.

We would suggest sending your letters or emails to the following 3 recipients as a priority:

Addressee	Postal Address	Electronic Contact
Theresa May	The Honourable Prime Minister 10 Downing Street London SW1A 2AA	Web form (1,000 characters only): https://email.number10.gov.uk/ or mayt@parliament.uk
Matthew Pennycook	Matthew Pennycook MP House of Commons London SW1A0AA	matthew.pennycook.mp@parliament.uk
Sadiq Khan	Mayor of London City Hall The Queen's Walk London SE1 2AA	Web form : https://www.london.gov.uk/contact-us-form or mayor@london.gov.uk

If you are able, sending letters or emails to these other recipients could also help:

Addressee	Postal Address	Electronic Contact
Andrea Leadsom	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR	Defra.helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk
Shirley Rodrigues	Deputy Mayor for the Environment City Hall The Queen's Walk London SE1 2AA	Web form : https://www.london.gov.uk/contact-us-form or mayor@london.gov.uk
Denise Hyland	Leader of the Council Town Hall Wellington St Woolwich London SE18 6PW	denise.hyland@royalgreenwich.gov.uk
Danny Thorpe	Deputy Leader of the council Danny Thorpe Town Hall Wellington St Woolwich London SE18 6PW	danny.thorpe@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

HRH Prince Charles	HRH the Prince of Wales Clarence House, London, SW1A 1BA	Not available
HRH Prince Phillip	Baron Greenwich Buckingham Palace London SW1A 1AA	Not available
Gavin Barwell	Minister for Housing and Planning and Minister for London House of Commons London SW1A 0AA	gavin.barwell.mp@parliament.uk
Robin Mortimer	Chief Executive Port of London Authority London River House Royal Pier Road Gravesend Kent DA12 2BG	robin.mortimer@pla.co.uk

Should you wish to express your concerns to the developers & investors or operators you will need to amend the final paragraph of the template letter, their details are here:

Ilya Nikitin	Morgan Stanley Real Estate Investing 20 Bank Street Canary Wharf London E14 4AD	Ilya.Nikitin@MorganStanley.com
David Thomas	Group Chief Executive Barratt Developments PLC Barratt House Cartwright Way Forest Business Park Bardon Hill Coalville Leicestershire LE67 1UF	david.thomas@barrattplc.co.uk
Kate O'Hara	CEO London City Cruise Port c/o West Court Real Estate (Europer) Ltd 18-19 Jockey's Fields London WC1R 4BW	kate@londoncitycruiseport.co.uk

You may also wish to send letters to the chairs of governors or headmistresses at local schools (e.g. Meridian, Halstead, John Roan, St Joseph's), other local councilors (details can be found [here](#)), Environmental charities (e.g. Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace), local land owners (e.g. Morden College, Greenwich Hospital Trust) or local political organisations (e.g. The Green Party) to raise awareness

Should you wish to write your own letter or expand on any points in the example, the following are useful sources of information:

Regular updates on Air Quality and Enderby Wharf on the EGRA website

<http://www.egra.london>

Costing the Earth: A Dirty Secret BBC Radio 4 piece

Available through iPlayer <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b082hg9g> or on the EGRA website <http://www.egra.london/cruise-terminal-1>

Recent report by the Royal College of Physicians - Every breath we take: the lifelong impact of air pollution

The report states that in the UK 40,000 early deaths every year are attributable to outdoor air pollution, mainly from nitrogen oxides (NOX), including nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and particulates. Over 9,000 of those deaths are in London. Air pollution has been linked to cancer, asthma, stroke and heart disease, diabetes, obesity, and dementia. Health problems resulting from air pollution cost the UK more than £20 billion every year.

<https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/projects/outputs/every-breath-we-take-lifelong-impact-air-pollution>

Children are especially at risk

According to Joan Walley, MP and Chair of the Environmental Audit Committee:

“Children growing up near busy roads with high nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and particle emissions have stunted and impaired lung development. There is also emerging evidence that air pollution can increase infant mortality rates, prompt pre-term births and affect cognitive performance.”

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environmental-audit-committee/>

Current air quality measurements

The statutory limit for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) is 40 micrograms per cubic metre of air.

For East Greenwich Residents Association's air quality map go to: <http://www.egra.london/single-post/2016/07/04/Air-Quality-Monitoring-Results-Spring-2016>

For Greenwich council air quality measurements go to:

<http://www.londonair.org.uk/london/asp/basicgraphs.asp?region=&site=GR8&sitename=Greenwich Woolwich Flyover&period=30 day&graphdate=12/11/2016&species=NO2&graph>

Support for the campaign

All of the Mayoral candidates supported the campaign for clean power at Enderby Wharf.

Labour MPs for both sides of the Thames, Matt Pennycook and Jim Fitzpatrick, have both made clear their unhappiness about Greenwich's decision to back the scheme.

<https://853blog.com/2016/04/11/sadiq-khan-sides-with-enderby-wharf-campaigners-in-clean-air-battle-with-greenwich-council/>

Legal Challenge

The legal challenge by an anonymous resident was funded through a combination of legal aid, pro bono work and crowd funding from supporters which raised £16,000. Dr Paul Stookes, Richard Buxton Environmental and Public Law Solicitors is acting on behalf of the local resident. A judicial review was granted which came to court in July. Mr Justice Collins stated that no errors had been made by the council in making the decision. An appeal is pending. You can read his judgement here:

<http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2016/1967.html>

Conflict of Interests

It is believed that council leader Denise Hyland's meetings with the developer before the decision was made were not raised in court. Hyland is the only council leader in London to regularly sit on her borough's main planning committee, and voted for the scheme:

<https://853blog.com/2015/08/21/stand-down-denise-residents-call-on-greenwich-council-leader-to-quit-her-planning-role/> and <https://853blog.com/2015/08/19/greenwich-council-leader-makes-her-debut-in-private-eye/>

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Dear.....

I am writing to express my deep concern with regards to the planned Enderby Wharf Cruise Ship Terminal in the Royal Borough of Greenwich (RBG); its lack of provision of onshore power for berthed vessels, its impact on air pollution and subsequently its impact on public health.

Air pollution was called a “public health emergency” by MPs in April of this year. Over 9,000 people in London die early every year due to air pollution. The resulting health problems cost the UK more than £20 billion. Nitrogen dioxide (NO2) and particulate matter (the main components of air pollution in London) are produced from burning diesel fuel. The ships berthed at the Cruise Ship Terminal in Greenwich will use diesel fuel.

TRBG’s own Air Quality Report (published in 2014) states that air quality is sufficiently poor for Greenwich to be designated an Air Quality Management Area and that “the annual mean objective for NO2 is expected to be exceeded (irrespective of the proposed development at Enderby Wharf)”. It is clear that Greenwich and specifically the areas surrounding the planned terminal are already a pollution hotspot, with this year’s air quality measurements carried out by RBG and the East Greenwich Residents Association (EGRA) showing alarming levels of NO2. In places it is over twice the statutory limit. Government guidelines clearly state that if a project leads to non-compliance with a statutory limit, decision makers should refuse consent. This should surely extend to developments that will make air quality worse in an area where it is already breaching those limits.

As it stands, RBG will allow cruise ships at the planned terminal to use their polluting on-board engines burning 700 litres of diesel an hour; the equivalent of 688 heavy goods lorries idling around the clock, even though clean on-shore electric power is possible and supply readily available. This is a disastrous decision in a densely populated residential area with several schools nearby. The RBG are doing this in the face of overwhelming local opposition, exemplified by a crowd funded legal challenge by one resident. The developers (Barratt Homes) say that it would be prohibitively expensive to install on-shore electric power, despite substantial profits due to be made from selling nearly 800 luxury homes on the terminal site.

I ask for your support in pressing RBG to reconsider the planning decision and mandate on-shore power both for my health and others living in this area. [\[change this paragraph if sending to RBG, Morgan Stanley, Barratt or London city cruise port\]](#)

Yours sincerely,