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Dear Ms Lyle,

Support for Low Emission Neighbourhood bid for Walworth

I am writing in support of Southwark Council's bid for a Low Emission Neighbourhood (LEN) in the Walworth Road area. Southwark Council is very active with regard to the air quality improvement agenda and is keen to support the Mayor of London's aim to clean up atmospheric pollution for the benefit of our residents. As the Cabinet Member responsible for air quality I am convinced that implementing a LEN in the area will help realise our vision of creating a healthy, sustainable and safe environment in the Walworth area.

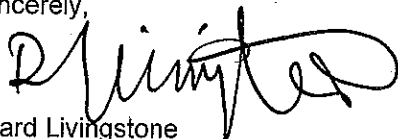
The LEN will also provide synergy with the Walworth Road Highway Improvement scheme proposals, where Southwark expects to commit £2 million in capital funds to support a TfL priority bus scheme, and make Walworth Road an Ultra Low Emission street. It will also compliment TfL's planned low emission bus routes programme and the proposed town centre improvement work.

The local environment will be optimised to encourage walking and cycling for residents. The LEN area will overlap with our two proposed school 'Superzones' thus, the Walworth area is ideal for engagement with local schools and residents to involve them in encouraging wider uptake of active travel.

We also recognise reducing traffic along Walworth Road and this contribution will help create a sustainable local neighbourhood with reduced levels of air pollution.

On behalf of the council I am committed to support the delivery of this bid and hope it is successful.

Yours sincerely,



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