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Secretary of State for Transport, Dept. of Transport, TWA Orders Unit, Zone 9/09 Southside, !05 Victoria Street, London,SW1E 6DT

FAO Caroline O'Neill

Statement of Case in Response to Transport and Work Act Order Application from London Underground Ltd for Victoria Station Upgrade (VSU)

Dear Madam,

I write in my capacity as Chairman of Cardinal Mansions Ltd and Chairman of Cardinal Mansions Residents. We are fully paid-up members of both VIG (Victoria Interchange Group) and CARG (Cathedral Residents Group), both of whose submissions we fully support in their entirety.

Both VIG and CARG have voiced residential concerns as they apply to all of us within the relevant areas. They have both drawn attention to concerns about noise, dust and air quality, and visual impact: however, the position of Cardinal Mansions is somewhat nebulous in these matters.

The VSU documents appear to recognise that Cardinal Mansions is clearly affected by the visual impact: but no amelioration seems to have been offered.

What does not appear to be recognised by LUL is that Cardinal Mansions is also going to be affected by noise; and, more importantly, by air quality and airborne dust. This is because a 200 metre line has been drawn, which in practical terms cuts buildings in half rather than pragmatically looking at logical boundaries, like roads—in our case Francis Street.

I submit that Cardinal Mansions (and blocks C and D of Morpeth Mansions) will be as much affected by dust fallout as Carlisle East Mansions and Blocks A and B of

Morpeth Mansions. Looking at the VSU plans it is clear that dust accumulates mostly within the narrow alleyways between blocks of flats. At the Francis Street end of Carlisle Place and Morpeth Terrace the alley between the flats becomes narrower than further up (supporting plan attached). I would ask that you consider that as result of this narrowing Cardinal Mansions (and blocks C and D of Morpeth Mansions) be included in the area considered at most risk for dust preceptors.

Additionally, because of its proximity to the pedestrian crossing on Vauxhall Bridge Road with likely increased footfall (VIG 7.9.10), Cardinal Mansions will be adversely affected by an increase in pollution as more traffic is obliged to stop/start.

I would therefore ask, along with VIG and CARG, that the scheme should not proceed until a comprehensive impact study relating to the residential population is fully assessed.

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Yours faithfully,

Mrs M.H. Halcrow,

Chairman Cardinal Mansions Ltd.

Tel. & email as above.

Documents attached: copy of plan of Cardinal Mansions and Morpeth Mansions with scale of the alleyway between them.

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