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Thames Tideway Tunnel no longer necessary – new data shows Thames already complies with EU Directive.

Analysis of new data from the Environment Agency, obtained under Freedom of Information Act, means that the Thames already complies with the European Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive.

There also appears to be no significant adverse impact on the Environment Agency's Health and Aesthetic requirements for the tidal Thames.

This is the conclusion in a new Report by Prof Chris Binnie 'A Review of Tideway spills and their environmental impact.' dated 10 December 2014 attached.

The Report states: /Now the STW upgrades are operational, the conclusion is that the Tideway appears to meet the requirement for no significant adverse environmental impact from the CSOs and thus the UWWTD

'The completion of the Lee tunnel in late 2015 and, if thought appropriate, the floating booms, will improve conditions further.'

Lord Berkeley commented: 'There appears to be no good reason at all to go ahead now with the Thames Tideway Tunnel in order to meet the requirements of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive, since the Thames already complies with that EU Directive.

'Cancellation of this costly Tunnel project, £4.2bn at 2011 prices plus financing, operating and maintenance costs will save some 5m million Thames Water households having to pay an extra £80 per annum for the foreseeable future to fund this expensive folly!.

'The time to stop this waste of money is now!'

Lord Berkeley has written to Lord De Mauley, Minister of State at DEFRA, urging the Government to stop any further expenditure on this project, and make 14m Thames Water customers, as well as the thousands of people affected by the works, happy!

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Attached: - Binnie Report 'A Review of Tideway spills and their environmental impact' 10 Dec 2014.

- Lord Berkeley letter to Lord De Mauley dated 11 Dec 2014.