

Ms Jane Hickson comments

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In my opinion, the consultation has come too late in the process, it has not been publicised well enough to ensure a wide variety of responses and has not been made open and accessible enough to get a really representative response from Londoners. This does not sit well with the Supreme Court's requirements for a fair consultation and therefore I am questioning its whole validity.

The information contained in the Integrated Impact Assessment is very generalised, often vague and lacking in substance. It does not provide in-depth discussion or analysis of what are very complex and varied issues faced by different London boroughs. There is a lack of real understanding of the questions that need to be asked and of the issues that need to be covered in a document like this. I think that the assessment of impact both negative and positive has not been carried out effectively enough to be taken seriously.

For example, regarding health issues, the graphs are not easy to follow being either overly simple, lacking in information or too complicated in their presentation. There are too many unknowns to make them really valid. There is no proper analysis of the information given and the information is not always relevant. In my view there are many questions that have been overlooked and many issues that have been ignored. There does not appear to have been an attempt to truly understand what the real issues are, to clearly define them and to represent them in a meaningful way that will lead to meaningful discussion and in-depth analysis and then to meaningful outcomes and strategies for managing the issues.

In conclusion I feel that this document is not adequate in its depth of information, analysis and conclusions. I also think that the amount of time allowed for consultation is not adequate and that it undermines the democratic process.

