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Review Application: Skylight Bar, Tobacco Dock

To whom it may concern,

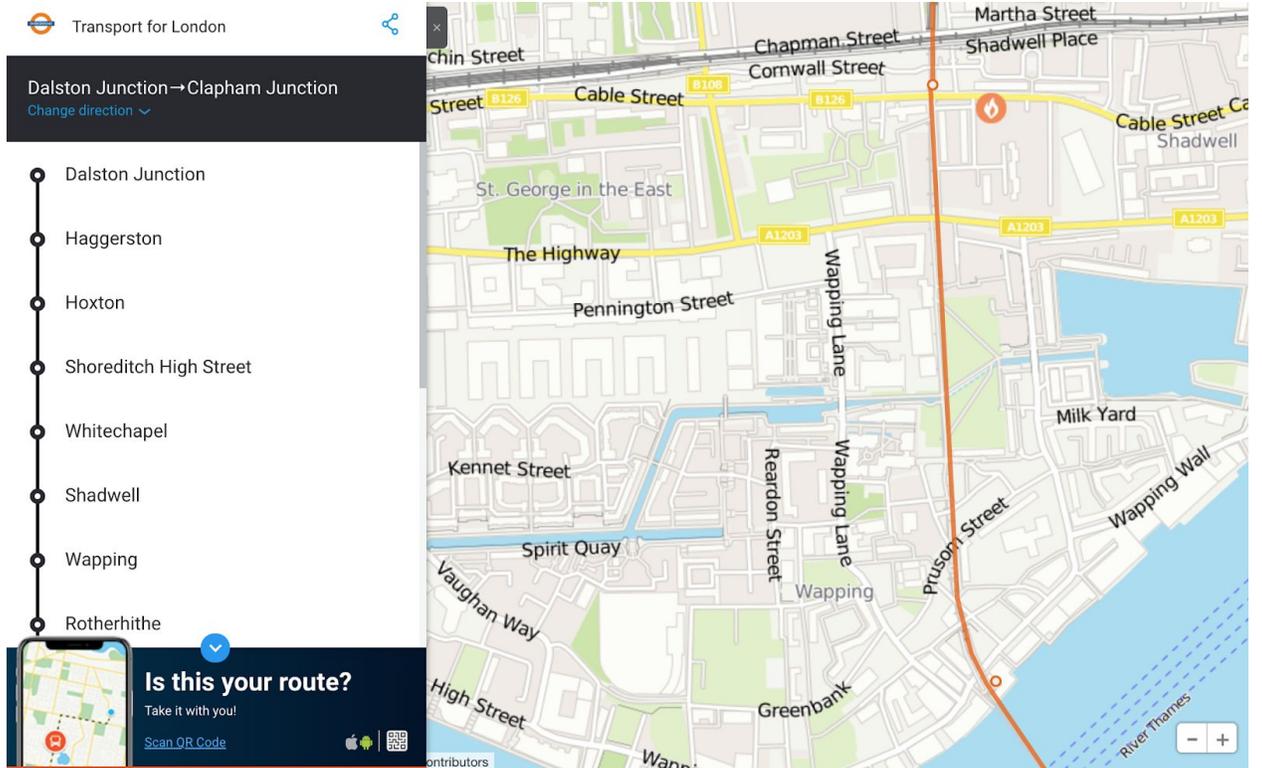
I am writing in response to the letter that was written in support of Tobacco Dock by 'Kathryn Anne Hegarty-Smith'.

I respect her comments and her opinions on the matter, but I would like to point out a few **key issues** with the letter of support that are important to keep in mind.

*1. Tobacco Dock is situated directly on the Overground*

Response: This **isn't** true. The Overground runs via Wapping Woods, and the other side of Wapping Lane. This is roughly 165 meters to the east of my property and others affected by Skylight. Thus not being an issue for anyone on Discovery Walk.

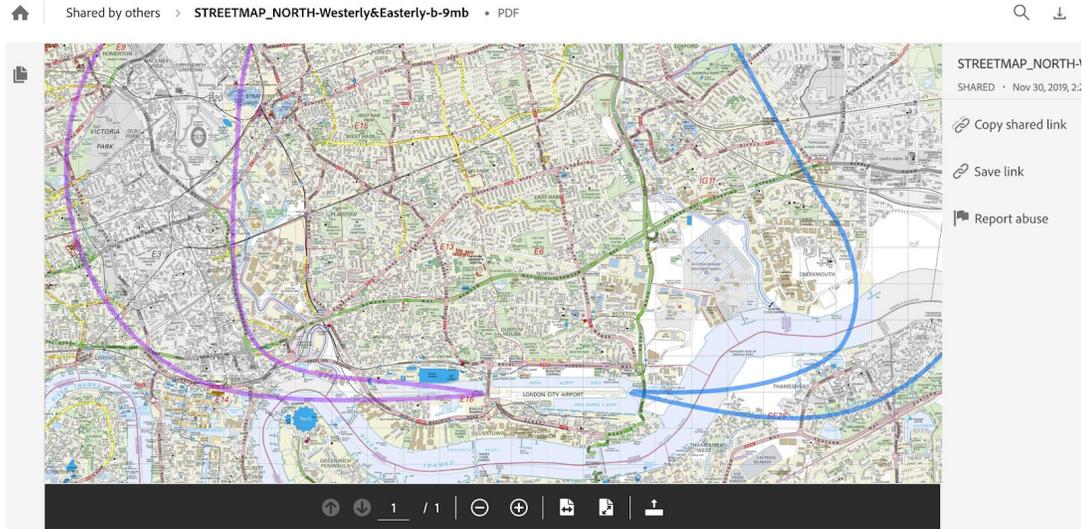
Please see map below for example (this is a true representation of the route not a TFL map)



## 2. *Underneath City Airport Flight plan*

Response: Wapping is not on a direct flight path to City Airport, but on occasions if wind affects airport approaches, the planes do come in over Wapping. But this isn't all day / everyday. Thus not being a constant nuisance. Please see the below link that outlines issues around London City Airport flight paths and the areas in East London that are affected by them, note the lack of Wapping being mentioned.

<https://www.change.org/p/sadiq-khan-stop-the-concentrated-flight-paths-from-city-airport-over-east-london>



3. *'and within throwing distance of Tobacco Dock and Skylight' & 'Neither of us have been disturbed' by anything like that.*

Response:

Though I am happy to hear they are **not** affected by Tobacco Dock, I think it's worth noting they are NOT within throwing distance of Tobacco Dock and cant even see Skylight bar or Tobacco Dock from their property!

Furthermore they are protected from the sound by, an extra 50 meters of distance, being on different level to Discovery Walk (lower than our's) and most importantly protected by a row of buildings (which are the buildings myself and others live in!!!). Their garden also faces the opposite direction!

Please see images below for reference & proof of the above response:

1. Proof that tobacco dock or Skylight bar cant be seen from this house and is protected by sound from row of houses (discovery walk + others)



2. Additional wall outside front of house to help block noise. Windows on ground and first floor also protected from sound.



3. Back of house and garden facing opposite direction:



4. Back of house and view of Discovery walk protecting this house from any noise from Skylight / Tobacco Dock



4. *I hope you consider this before shutting down a fantastic business that brings a lot of charm, whimsy and let's not forget.. money,*

**Response:**

A: I think Katie has misunderstood this application. I'm not hoping to shut down Tobacco Dock or even Skylight bar! I'm asking for their music to be turned off in the open bar of Skylight.

B: I would argue that Skylight bar doesn't really bring any additional money to Wapping. Tobacco Dock I agree does on occasions. But not the bar.

Full letter for reference:

Dear LBTH Licensing Section,

Hi, I am Katie; A resident of Wapping for 15 years (and My Husband has been here since 1991), and within throwing distance of Tobacco Dock and Skylight. These complaints of noise nuisance are perplexing to me. Neither of us have been "disturbed" by anything like that. C'mon - Tobacco Dock is situated directly on the Overground route, next to the Highway, and underneath City Airport Flight plan - Noise come's with the territory... At least this way it is musical! To be serious though, Skylight and Tobacco Docks have been nothing but fair in their approach to our neighbourhood - Always monitoring noise, litter allowance, safety, timekeeping, whilst always giving residents fair warning of events.. and also telling us about fun and interesting things to do. I hope you consider this before shutting down a fantastic business that brings a lot of charm, whimsy and let's not forget.. money, both direct and indirectly to Wapping. Kathryn Anne Hegarty-Smith P.S. Happy to discuss this further at your convenience. P.P.S. and it just looks so gosh darn pretty!