

**Question for written answer E-004967/2016  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
Syed Kamall (ECR)**

Subject: Thames Water Tideway Tunnel

I have been contacted by a constituent who is concerned about the Thames Water Tideway Tunnel.

My constituent claims that the building of this tunnel has violated EU protocol and that the European Investment Bank has loaned large sums of money for the completion of the project.

He also claims that the cost is too high when cheaper alternatives exist and that the high cost will reflect itself in taxes and water rates for Londoners.

My constituent is part of a group called Thames Blue Green Economy, which has produced a report<sup>1</sup> criticising the Thames Water Tideway Tunnel.

Can the Commission confirm:

1. If the building of the Thames Water Tideway Tunnel violates any EU laws?
2. On what grounds the European Investment Bank lent money to the project?

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<sup>1</sup>

[www.bluegreenuk.com/freewater/tbge/References/The%20case%20against%20the%20Thames%20Tideway%20Tunnel.pdf](http://www.bluegreenuk.com/freewater/tbge/References/The%20case%20against%20the%20Thames%20Tideway%20Tunnel.pdf)