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Dear Sirs

I wish to draw to your attention to two cases where the Applicant has supplied information as part of their submission which is either erroneous or needs substantiating.

MEETINGS WITH BUSINESSES AND LANDOWNERS

In their latest Schedule of Consultation, the Applicant claims to have had meetings with representatives, owners and occupiers, of both Manor Way Industrial Estate and Northfleet Industrial Estate on 1st July. I should be grateful for details of these meetings as none of the parties on the estates are aware of such meetings and it appears to be more erroneous information from the Applicant. It would be useful to know who represented the Applicant and who they met. This is important to establish the verification of the Applicant's Schedule and veracity of what is being reported by them to yourselves.

EMPLOYMENT NUMBERS

The second issue relates to employment numbers, a disparity between the Applicant's Economic and Regeneration Statement which references visitor numbers for 2024 (first year) of 6.5 million, and an article in the Daily Telegraph on 12th May, based on an interview with LRCH's Chief Executive Pierre Yves Gerbeau in which he "*sets a modest target of four million visitors in the first year*".

This is important in relation to the existing businesses as the visitor numbers have a direct impact on the economic benefits that arise from The London Resort, and therefore the supposed "net gain" compared to the jobs lost and diverted economic activity from existing businesses. If first year visitor numbers are now only going to be 62% of what the planning documentation claims, then surely all their modelling needs to be revisited?

The Swanscombe businesses have had to endure a constant flow of inaccurate information, if and when any is forthcoming, since this project was first mentioned to them in 2012 despite the burdens of the 2008 economic recession, HS1 during which they lost substantial parts of the estates, Brexit, and now the Coronavirus pandemic. I think it is the Applicant's duty to ensure their messaging and any facts presented to the public are both consistent and accurate. What is the true target number of visitors expected in the first year of opening and if not 6.5 million will the Applicant be amending their modelling?

Please can this e-mail be brought to the attention of the Examining Authority, many thanks.
Yours faithfully

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