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To: London Resort
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Subject: 'London Resort' - delays to Examination timetable and process
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Dear Lead Inspector

I am responding to your letter of 21 December 2021 to Interested Parties on the matter of requests by the applicant to delay it's submissions to the ExA (your ref. BC080001).

Due to the time for responses, I will
necessarily be brief and ask the Inspectors to hold the applicant to as tight a timescale as possible for the reasons below.

The applicant could be hoping that by effectively postponing the inquiry, opposition to their proposals - or the strength of the opposition, may fall away over time, as people strongly motivated against the application begin to falsely believe they have done their bit and the SSSI status means they don't need to do more.

The applicant may hope delays and increased document exchanges may serve as a process of attrition against legitimate opposition to their proposals for development on an important Site of Special Scientific Interest.

The applicant might also hope some political or economic circumstances may suit them better later and they'd rather hold everything and everybody up until then.

The applicant has already - but falsely, sought to claim that the site's biodiversity is somehow degraded; the applicant might hope further time could help them in this respect.

Some areas are, however, of such low nutrient and low moisture status that their vegetative succession is so checked that it would take many years for their interest to biodiversity- recognised as of national importance, particularly in respect of invertebrates, to be sufficiently diminished in terms of the current habitat they provide.

Other areas may benefit from management over time and the applicant will be unlikely to comply with requisite SSSI management prescriptions pending the inquiry process.

Delays could also allow time for unwelcome human induced changes to be carried out to what is a nationally important site for nature conservation.

When I was their in November, I noticed what looked to be pollution - possibly eutrophication, although I couldn't investigate at the time, in a ditch near to a path

across the centre of the site. I am not sure how this had happened (it didn't seem likely to be livestock related due to the location) but it wasn't near to public vehicular access.

Regardless of how this incident may have arisen, the site's importance to nature conservation means delays to determinations of development proposals should be kept to an absolute minimum.

I should be grateful therefore if the applicant could be kept to as tight a timescale as possible, so that delays are not forthcoming that may prejudice the site's importance for conservation - nor it's legally recognised SSSI status; and so that Interested Parties are not put in danger of being tactically worn down by repeated delays and consequently increased document exchanges.

Yours sincerely,

Josh Nelson