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The Planning Inspectorate
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Dear Mr Smith

Application by London Resort Company Holdings for an Order Granting Development Consent for the London Resort, Consultation on Examination Procedure and Timing

I write on behalf of London Gateway Port Limited, LG Park Freehold Limited and LG Park Leasehold Limited (hereafter collectively referred to as **DPWLG**) in response to your letter dated 21 December 2021 relating to the above matter. DPWLG is a registered Interested Party with identification number 20027529.

Your letter dated 21 December 2021 sets out five questions. We offer response to Questions 1 and 3 as follows. Based on our response to Question 1, response to Question 2 is not applicable. We offer no comment to Questions 4 and 5.

1. Taking the current circumstances into account, can a continued delay in the commencement of the Examination of the Application until June or July 2022 still be justified in the public interest?

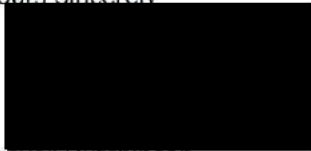
DPWLG are of the view that a continued delay in the commencement of the Examination of the Application would not be in the public interest and is not justified. We are of the view that the period that has elapsed since the submission of Relevant Representations by Interested Parties provided ample opportunity for matters which are unrelated to the designation of a SSSI, such as traffic impacts, to have been discussed. However, notwithstanding the status of DPWLG as a Statutory Undertaker and Interested Party, and of London Gateway as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project essential to the national economy, we regret to report that we have received no contact from London Resort Company Holdings (the Applicant) or their representatives with regard to the concerns expressed in our Relevant Representations dated 23 March 2021. In light of this, we believe there is insufficient certainty that further delay will provide any public benefit.

3. If, taking account of the changed circumstances, further delay is not justified, would it be appropriate for the ExA to curtail delay and to proceed directly to Examine the application as currently before it, commencing in March 2022?

Yes

I trust the responses set out above are useful in informing upcoming procedural decisions.

Yours Sincerely



Trevor Hutchinson
Head of Planning