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To the Lead Member, Examining Authority REF BC080001 dated 21st December 2021.

I just wanted to voice my objection to the proposed development referred to above. I am just a small voice on a trading estate full of small voices but would like you to understand the impact on my SME if this proposal is finally approved.

I am the owner of Dutemänn UK Ltd, R3 & R2 Lower road, Northfleet Ind Est, DA11 9SN. The units are leased from Gainhold Ltd having a lease that runs until May 2035. We have been within Unit R3 for 6 years and R2 for 5 years and currently employ 25 local residents the majority of which live within a 3 mile radius.

I have never had direct engagement from LRCH, so any information gained has been through the occasional slanted press release or planning updates (normally for an extension) it feels like they arrogantly feel they do not need to engage with business's they are potentially going to make homeless. That's why it is essential that this sorry saga is brought to an urgent end so that we can have some certainty for the future so the sooner the examination takes place, the better".

We took ownership of R3 and within a few months we discovered that LRCH has added the "R" block to their wish list. Before we moved in the "R" block was not in the plans so didn't show on any of the searches taken up by our solicitors. The last 6 years have been like living in limbo. The communication from LRCH when it appears (not often) is of a combative nature. It appears they can say any and do nothing. The whole process thus far has left the business on a bit of a knife edge, not feeling confident to expand as planned to multiple shifts because we simply do not have a long term home.

Without any engagement from the LRCH I have surmised that should the project go forward they would not be helpful finding a new home. So I have periodically looked and simply there are no local affordable options. The unit size we need circa 26,000 sqft, are simply not available locally at an affordable cost. Should we have to relocate, my belief is that all of my team would be made unemployed but the most likely outcome would be that Dutemänn would in fact be forced to close down.

Thank you for reading

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