From:
To: London Resort

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Subject: London Resort Company Holdings your ref BC080001

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Dear Mr Smith and fellow examiners,

I am like many other businesses on Northfleet Ind Estate, a small family business built up over the past 25 years and employ 12 people currently, including 7 members of my family over 2 generations. We have been based on this estate since January 2000 first in a rented unit and since October 2012 we have worked from the current building, purchased with my pension fund, making me both a tenant and a land owner, so we are affected in 2 different ways. I am also a director of Peninsular Management group set up several years ago to liaise with LRCH on behalf of the businesses and landowners on these industrial estates. There have been no meetings between PMG and LRCH for about 3-4 years. I even offered to be the first business to move off the estate if I could find another building that my pension fund could purchase, and LRCH would agree to buy my building for the market rate. This has progressed nowhere in 3-4 years. Unless we can find a freehold building to purchase, I also will lose the benefits of paying "rent" to my own pension fund. It just seems so unfair that one commercial organisation can cause so much stress and other issues for so many businesses and be allowed to drag it on as long as is suits them (9 years ago the plan was originally declared) with no interest, concern or compensation for the changes we have all had to make to our plans and the time we have all had to invest.

Although the DCO application was only submitted one year ago, on 31st December 2020 to be exact, this project has lurched along for several years prior to the formal application being made during which period of time it has created considerable uncertainty and hindered the development of many of the businesses on the Northfleet Industrial Estate which will be affected should the DCO be granted. It has taken an immeasurable number of hours of time in reading/writing e-mails, phone discussions with other affected businesses and giving interviews to the press to be able to put forward our case, especially when LRCH make their public announcements of Grandeur, and the negatives like the job losses, demise of businesses, lack of communication and even the very existence of these businesses are rarely ever mentioned by LRCH. Added to which, whilst it is a requirement that an application when made should be complete, since the application was lodged LRCH have been at pains to both vary it and seek irregular extensions in order to do so yet have failed to comply with the time limits and requirements set down by the Examining Authority.

LRCH should not be allowed to continue this without any time constraints, while the rest of us are forced to face the consequences. In the interests of fairness to those that are affected by this project, matters must be brought to a head.

I recognise that the Examining Authority does not have the power to simply dismiss the application. In my opinion therefore it is incumbent upon the Examining Authority to set a date for the Examination to commence and not deviate from that date. If come that date LRCH's case is still in the state of disarray that it would appear to be in, and this will doubtless come out during the course of the hearing, then the Examining Authority will be quite within its rights to dismiss the application without, I would suggest, fear of an application for Judicial Review being granted should LRCH make such an application.

Given that the various businesses that are affected by this project cannot themselves bring pressure to bear on LRCH, I believe it incumbent upon the Examining Authority to bring this matter to a close one way or the other.

Regards,

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