

**APPLICATION BY LONDON RESORT COMPANY HOLDINGS FOR A
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER FOR THE LONDON RESORT**

Reply to Planning Inspectorate letter of the 21st December 2021 Ref: BC080001

I am a partner of Timelock'd Ltd on the Kent Kraft Industrial Estate, we specialise in building and operating Escape rooms. We have 4 partners and up to 8 part time staff.

Over the past three years we have invested more than £60,000 in constructing our first two escape rooms here at Kent Kraft Industrial Estate. Our company has been unable to move premises, claim for blight, raise business development loans or constructively plan for the future due to chronic blight from these theme park proposals.

LRCH keep telling us that within a year we will be gone and have announced this five or six times now over the last nine years and the uncertainty is crippling on top of normal businesses issues. We have no idea where we could go or how much compensation we would have to move with anyway because of a complete lack of consultation and the fact that LRCH are merely intending to clear everybody out under a compulsory purchase order, without negotiation and without providing alternative premises.

Businesses here do not deserve to be treated this way by anyone, especially by a company that seems to have a bright idea but very little to back it up. We have to stop this long running disruption where they fade away and then come onto the project once more. It's not good for businesses or the redevelopment plans for the area.

We were hoping for a resolution last year when they at last applied for the Direct Consent Order. It is supposed to be a short and fast planning process and we are just so upset that once again LRCH appear to have been allowed to play fast and loose with extension after extension being granted. This is even more upsetting when their CEO then makes public statements that they are not going to make any major changes anyway – so why the delays in the first place?

Please close off any further possibility of process delay to LRCH and commence the hearing in March on the information they provided at the start of last year so we do not have to pay our advisors to yet again wade through piles of altered documents. LRCH do not deserve the beneficial treatment they have received from the planning inspectorate and our businesses and employees do not deserve to be treated the way they have been treated by LRCH or these seemingly endless extensions of time.

Thank You

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