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To: London Resort

Subject: Consultation on examination procedure - followup response

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have felt compelled to follow up my initial letter to the inspectorate having read all the correspondence submitted on the 10th of January by the interested parties relating to the London Resort application. There is, without exception across statutory bodies and businesses, that the applicant has failed to engage to a sufficient level that would have any chance of achieving a submission that would be worthy of inspection. I have therefore adjusted my initial position of proceeding directly to examination to that of inviting the applicant (LRCH) to withdraw the application with the option to re-submit at a later date when they have appropriately prepared and application that is worth of examination. It is categorically clear that even granting an extension to July would not allow the applicant time to address all the outstanding infrastructure issues. Indeed, there is a legitimate challenge to question their adequacy to fund the relevant statutory bodies to engage at a level that would yield any consensus. The number of issues highlighted in the statutory responses would largely indicate that this project is unsuitable for the Swanscombe Peninsular. Serious consideration should be made by the applicant to review previous sites if this project has any hope of success.

There is repeated reference by the applicant that continuation is in the public interest. Given how far away they are with resolving road, rail and sea, and SSSI issues (and not withstanding the time and costs incurred by the inspectorate), this is becoming a continued drain on resources and public money with no real hope of achieving success. It is in the public interest that these efforts should be curtailed. If the applicant fails to withdraw, then it is in the public interest to proceed directly to examination.

Yours sincerely

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