

APPLICATION (BC080001) BY LONDON RESORT COMPANY HOLDINGS (LRCH) FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE LONDON RESORT

Consultation relating to time of Examination Procedure: Further Response

Astonished, shocked and angry can best be described as our emotions when reading the submissions. For our 140+ businesses that have been suffering so much over the past nine years; convinced that we were the only ones with no constructive engagement they have been a revelation.

These replies show that every single area of Road, Rail and River, Environmental, Electric, Water, Planning Authority and our 40 acres of Business Estates have been totally lacking in constructive engagement during the extended period of the DCO. In fact, the application has so many outstanding issues that we are not talking about whether a few months delay would help them, we are talking about it taking years - to impossible.

It is said that when the tide goes out, those that have been skinny dipping get shown up. Well these replies have been that tide. They show that LRCH has been stuck in the mud for a long time and as for the tide; it has now disappeared over the horizon.

LRCH publicly confirmed that the SSSI designation required only minor changes to their submission and have since carried out no further negotiations with Natural England. They don't seem to have used the time to constructively engage with anyone else either and it is therefore logical to assume that the hearing may go ahead using their original submissions.

The LRCH consultation response is weak. No one trusts them to stick to any future commitments, every statement made has to be questioned and their 'benefits to the economy' are as utterly unreliable as their visitor numbers that veer between 4 and 12 million, with estimated costs over the years fluctuating wildly between £2 and £6 billion. As for finance this link appears to say it all. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The fact remains that LRCH and the rest of the group are in considerable debt.

This was a dream and it was a big dream; a dream so big that it could not stand the light of day and that's why it was sold on - it was a second hand dream. But dreams that are dreamt at nightmare expense to 140+ businesses on the Northfleet Estates, local and regional plans and grants for the Freeport are not harmless. Now is the time to wake up.

It is clear from all these replies, (including diplomatic ones) that extending the examination date is most definitely not in the public interest and we encourage the ExA to bring this sad and damaging application to the conclusion of a March start hearing with no further extensions and preferably a shortened hearing period.

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