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To: [London Resort](#)
Subject: Additional Representation to the response of London Resort on January 10th 2022
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Dear Rhys Smith,

Thankyou for inviting any additional responses to the responses to the questions. Having looked at other responses of ExA questions, it is plain to see that there is an overwhelming desire for the examination to commence without further delay, and tremendous public support to save the Swanscombe Peninsula SSSI and it's existing businesses from destruction, as seen by the success so far of the current crowdfunding from the coalition of Buglife, Kent Wildlife Trust, CPRE Kent and the Save Swanscombe Peninsula SSSI campaign group, working together to secure the future of the Swanscombe Peninsula and its wildlife.

Since crowdfunding began on January 12th, in just 9 days, at the time of writing there have been almost 2,000 pledges for coming up to £45,000 from the public who care about climate change and the environment. (See appendix)

But again, the generic, lack of detail response by London Resort reveals their disregard of the public's interest. So much has moved on and changed since the then Secretary of State agreed to allow this project to be categorised an NSIP. We are so much more aware of the human impact on this fragile environment which already has traffic, flooding and pollution, and that the UK is the most nature depleted country in the world, against greed for a short term thrill where the argument for this project that its for economy and jobs can now be disputed by latest developments.

To state Covid-19 as one of the excuses for delay is unfounded when the virus has actually been used by London Resort as a reason d'etre for the theme park, suggesting it will aid recovery and "build back better" by making an unnecessary leisure "need", including artificial, extinct dinosaurs to replace actual, real, already existing, wildlife and habitats, and make them extinct!

1. P.Y. Gerbeau says in his response to your questions that the London Resort has already been "factored in to many strategic initiatives" this is clearly not so!

Thames Estuary [REDACTED] is no way reliant on London Resort for their continued success. In fact Thames Estuary Growth board haven't mentioned London Resort at all lately on their news updates, but rather, lots of environment and well being, and green sustainable issues. Also London Resort have not been factored in at all in the recent opening of the England Coast Path, neither have they been factored in by Thames Clippers River boat service from Gravesend town Pier, or by the Lower Thames Crossing project. There is no mention in press or elsewhere of London Resort being anything to do with any of these initiatives at all.

Neither have they been factored in at all by Thames Freeport, yet don't LRCH's sustainability and transport plans hinge on that ferry crossing and park and glide? It seems like there's a conflict in interest, who in reality is going to provide benefits here? Thames Freeport is a much bigger economic certainty.

Please see again in your library AS -094 Port of Tilbury response and AS-093 Port of London for more detail.

Furthermore Thames Freeport expects to create 21,000 jobs and provide £2.5 billion boost to local economy, helping to level up the country. The freeport will be a leading player in the UK's green energy revolution and bring industry together with training for local schools, colleges and universities.

Thames Freeport opened for business on 15 December 2021 as the government delivers on

its central mission to level up across the UK. The freeport estimates it will draw £4.5 billion of new investment in hydrogen technology, battery storage and electric vehicles, creating skilled jobs, bringing greater prosperity to some of the country's most deprived communities. Thames Freeport covers a 34 km-wide economic corridor and is supported by a share of £200 million of government funding and tax incentives.

" PoTLL now considers it is much more challenging to see how the Fortress Distribution Park area can still be suitable for use by the Scheme for its car parking proposals in conjunction with PoTLL's own plans for the area linked to the Freeport. This is compounded by the differing timescales now in play;" This will have a knock on effect for the landing stage peninsula side too.

2. It's nonsense for the applicant to state that they commit to provision of fortnightly updates and appropriate engagement, when they have not kept to this at all so far, as stated time and time again by other responders.

3. Delay is absolutely unjustified.

4. When London Resort talk of recognising implication of cost considerations, does that include the recent news of court proceedings by former advisers to the Applicant in respect of unpaid professional fees relating to preparation of the Application? That doesn't exactly fill one with trust that any compensation or payments for land acquisition or other costs would be met either.

Lastly I mention another cost issue highlighting some of the concerns raised by Southern Water in AS-100 for just some of the worries held by many. Southern Water say "We have already provided input regarding the capacity limitations of the sewer network in the area and the need for significant works to address those limitations. The process for funding such projects has not provided sufficient budget within the proposed timescales for delivery

We note that in Schedule 8.2 Schedule of Consultation we have been identified for 'ad-hoc' consultation on wastewater, whilst Thames Water, the water supplier, is identified for monthly consultation. This leads to a concern that we are unable to consult effectively and ensure that our network continues to meet the needs of the wider public in the surrounding area, recognising that there is a difference between the DCO for LRHC as a private commercial enterprise and the expansion works which will be needed offsite to compensate for the impact of this proposal."

And only three days ago BBC news(see appendix) warn that Water firms in south east have just published a plan in order to avoid supply shortages.

Climate change is having a "profound impact" on water provision.

Chris Murray, independent chair of WRSE, warned a serious drought would have "far-reaching consequences" on the environment, economy and society.

"The south east faces the most severe pressure on its water supplies of any region of the country," he added.

"It is warmer, more densely populated and is the home of more of the iconic chalk streams that we are seeking to preserve than any other part of the country."

So the fact is that P.Y. Gerbeau plans 500 dwellings as Resort staff accommodation, typically consisting of 4-6 bedrooms with bathrooms, kitchens as well as the occupants of his prestige hotels and 40,000 visitors to the park per day. That's an awful lot of sewage disposal, drinking water and baths in a confined area for the water companies to consider, not even factoring in that the large amount of staff dwellings planned, shows that these won't even be providing local jobs for the benefit of the local community as it will be extra people that don't live in the area.

I end with a quote from your own blog written after COP26: "The Planning Inspectorate has an important role in ensuring impacts are fully considered in the planning of new places" I do hope that the impacts on the area ARE being fully considered with this London Resort application.

sincerely

Frances Robinson

Appendices

just a few of the responses highlighted, that state their reasons so clearly from businesses AS-072 Dan Bramwell, AS-081 Glo productions, AS-103 Swanscombe business centre. Environment AS-090 Natural England and AS-100 Southern Water, AS-064 Anglian Water and Thames Water.

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[REDACTED] water shortage press

[REDACTED] the air pollution problem at dangerous levels in the area, just last week.

The following websites and crowdfunding, and petitions are some evidence of the huge numbers of public supporting objections to this theme park being on Swanscombe peninsula.

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A film cafe documentary about the peninsula