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Sent: 24 March 2022 17:34
To: London Resort
Cc: Nicholson, Leigh
Subject: Ref. BC080001 - Application by LRCH for an Order granting Development Consent for the London Resort

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Dear Sir / Madam

I refer to your letter dated 14th February 2022 advising on the appointment of the Examining Authority, the invitation to the Preliminary Meeting and the Provisional Notification of Hearings. Unfortunately due to staff leave arrangements Thurrock Council will not be represented at the Preliminary Meeting next week.

As a result of recent discussions between Thurrock Council and the applicant, it is understood that at the Preliminary Meeting the applicant may request a further extension of time for the commencement of the Examination until September 2022. This request is partly due to ongoing discussions between the Council and the applicant regarding infrastructure improvements in Grays town centre, potentially including a river jetty linking to the London Resort site. Your attention is drawn to the content of a press release issued by the Council on 21st March 2022 available at:

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/news/investment-and-growth-in-thurrock/collaborative-work-on-london-resort>

For information, in July 2021 Thurrock Council was invited by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to develop proposals for Grays as part of the Government's Towns Fund.

Therefore, if at the Preliminary Meeting the applicant raises the matter of a further extension to the commencement of the Examination, Thurrock Council would not object as a delay would allow for further development of proposals in Grays.

Regards

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