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Dear Sir/Madam

Further to the above matter and having considered the representations made by others about the Applicant's latest request for a 6 month extension, we strongly support the resistance of any extension and reiterate that the commencement of the Examination should occur in March 2022. We do not intend to repeat any of the matters raised by other interested parties at the PM, but we do strongly support others in the call to the ExA to refuse any extension of time.

We note from the Applicant's submissions to the 15 March deadline that the proposed Supporting Market & Leisure Resort Assessment ("SMLRA") has been removed from the list of documents provided (or to be provided) by the Applicant. We intend to make representations on this at the PM as we believe the issues that were to be addressed in the SMLRA are central to the examination of the project. We also reserve our position to raise oral representations on Merlin's ability to be heard at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing, given its interest in the Applicant's funding of the project and the direct link between projected visitor numbers and the lack of evidence to support the figures.

Kind regards

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