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Der Beroness Kramer

I have received correspondence from Mr Thomas Munns of which I have copied below for your information.

"Dear Sirs,

I like many others have received a leaflet about Paramount's Northfleet Peninsular project I do regard this as good news,

- I Although The area cannot be considered one of Kent's beauty spots, it is not vacant land, but is used by many local businesses they will have to be removed, this will be done by the Developer seeking planning consent [which does not require the freeholder's/occupier's consent-although they can object if they can afford the legal fees] and the exercise by the Local Planning Authority of its powers of Compulsory Purchase, the compensation which will be offered will be quite inadequate ,alternative accommodation does not have to be offered, many of the displaced businesses particularly those which need a river frontage will not be able to relocate anyway, and will have to close, in the meantime the area will be blighted good businesses ruined and employees made redundant [the effect of Blight has already started and it will be many years before the venue is complete]
- 2 The no doubt lengthy construction period will not provide permanent jobs but only temporary jobs for transient foreign workers who will not spend their wages here but, understandably, use them to support their families back home.
- 3 Once the Venue is completed, it will only provide low grade jobs on zero hours contracts at Statutory minimum wages, which will be insufficient to enable employees to rent homes in Gravesend let enough adequate to buy their own homes
- 4 If both Paramount's venture and Ebbsfleet Garden city[where will the Garden be?] do go ahead we will need major infrastructure improvements.

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- 5 Closing several other regional hospitals means that Darenth Valley is overstretched already, and the poor road design makes access to it virtually impossible when Blue water is busy
- 5 Paramount say they will train actors, but their project is a centre to rival Disneyland, not Hollywood, dressing up in a monkey suit is not my idea of acting.
- 6 What we need is developments which will provide high grade high paid jobs bringing prosperity, not a return to Victorian times, when trippers used to visit the Rosherville Gardens to tease Rosie in the bear pit

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I would be very grateful if you would respond to the issues raised by my constituent.

Many thanks,



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