

# Meeting note

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Meeting with	Meeting with LRCH and local councils
Venue	Farrells, 7 Hatton Street, NW8 8PL
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate   Mark Wilson   Lynne Franklin   Will Spencer   Robert Ranger   Dartford Borough Council   Sonia Bunn   Gravesham Borough Council   Peter Price   Kent County Council   Stephen Dukes   London Resort Company Holdings   John Letherland – Farrells   Debbie Cheng – Farrells
	Andy Martin – PPS Shabana Anwar – BDB Chris Potts – Savills Richard Hutchings - WSP
Meeting objectives	An update on the progress of the London Paramount project to date.
Circulation	All attendees.

#### Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

Attendees were reminded about the openness policy and that any advice given will be recorded and placed on the Planning Inspectorate's (PINS) website in the form of a meeting note. PINS explained that any advice given does not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) should rely on.

## Introductions

LRCH thanked Farrell's for hosting the meeting, and introduced attendees.

Apologies from Kevin Doyle (LRCH lead)

## Land

LRCH confirmed that the majority of necessary land agreements are in place, or are the subject of discussions that are progressing well. They are grateful to those landowners who have responded to requests for information from their land agents.

They are following closely the called-in application by Teal Energy for an energy-fromwaste facility in Swanscombe, subject to an inquiry in July 2015.

### Programme and consultation

LRCH advised that they are progressing well with their programme, and have received a very comprehensive response to their pre-application consultation with approaching 1000 representations being made.

LRCH are refining their anticipated consenting timetable to take full advantage of their pre-application consultation and produce a stronger submission. As a result, they now anticipate that submission of a DCO application will take place later than originally timetabled; in late August 2015.

## Masterplanning

LRCH demonstrated the work that was being done in the production of a masterplan for their project; and the particular regard that was being had to its relationship with Greenhithe and Swanscombe. The scheme is being designed for flexibility and future expansion within the DCO boundary. This presentation included drawings and models, but these were illustrative only of a possible form of the scheme.

PINS advised that it was important to reflect this desired flexibility when drafting the DCO; having regard to the fact that development on the site was likely to be governed by the DCO for the life of the resort (subject to any applications for amendments.)

## Transport

LRCH explained that the site was currently proposed to be laid out in such a way as to allow for access to the river transport infrastructure for resort and non-resort use; they anticipated that this would improve public transport links to central London and deliver associated benefits to the local area.

Road links are being designed to maximise opportunities for intermodal transport, and constructive discussions are being had with Highways England in respect of the neighbouring strategic road network.

## **Ebbsfleet Development Corporation**

LRCH are building relationships with the new Ebbsfleet Development Corporation, and are in discussions with CLG. They are keen to ensure that their project is compatible with aspirations for the Garden City.