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Subject: Hearing session 19th September - Friends of Crossness NR

Reference the session on 19th September, I have been notified to you as the person who might speak on behalf of Friends of Crossness Nature Reserve due to the unavailability of colleagues.

Having finally found time to look at the agenda, the draft DCO, comments on the same and other relevant documentation, I am satisfied that we have nothing further to add at this juncture in the context of the agenda as I understand it, and I will not now be attending.

Our concern is that in terms of pure biodiversity impact, damage to the Cory/Borax fields on Norman Road is greater than that likely within the proposed REP boundary. The DCO sets out far weaker biodiversity mitigation requirements for pre-commencement works - which we take to include the possible use of the Cory/Borax fields on Norman Road for lay-down - than for the REP per se, or that may be applied to Cory's Data Centre proposals by Bexley Council if they were a stand-alone application. However, Cory's written commitment to treating the loss of habitat on the fields as permanent, even if it does turn out to be temporary, and to seek an environment bank off-set would deliver rough parity between the two sets of conditions, at least on paper.

As long as they adhere to that commitment then the DCO as a whole is satisfactory as long as the GLA's proposed amendment at 5) (1) (c) of Schedule 2, requiring demonstration of net gain from the off-setting metric, is accepted.

I understand that Mr. Todd of FoCNR has contacted you to say that he may be able to come later in the afternoon and, if so, he will be able to deal with anything that does arise.

We will be making further representations regarding the issues around the various 'biodiversity off-setting' proposals.

Yours sincerely, Chris Rose