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12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Sir,

**Cory Decarbonisation Project, Interest Party reference 20048853  
History and heritage of Erith Marshes**

Please find enclosed my submission for Deadline 2. Having read the Deadline 1 submissions and attending and reviewing the initial hearing, the area that did not seem to be covered to the right amount of depth is the history and heritage associated with the proposed location.

As a Society, we feel very strongly about the importance of open spaces and all aspects of our borough's heritage. Equally important is leaving a legacy of open spaces both to halt the rapid rate of species extinction and for our children and grandchildren to enjoy.

In respect of the Compulsory Purchase application, these matter have been only lightly documented and discussed. The applicant's arguments stem round what planning law could permit them to do, there is no mention of what is best in the local and wider public interest. Which ever way this is dressed up, the amount of land under concrete increases and the space for nature decreases.

Please refuse this application and insist on a site that is currently developed. Do not hand over our heritage to a waste disposal company with a raft of commercial backers who are entirely in this for profit.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Sarah Witney  
Chair of Bexley Civic Society  
Planning, Conservation and Environment Committee