

London Resort Statutory Consultation

Questionnaire

Gravesham Borough Council Response

Detailed comments on the questions and the PEIR are set out in the attached document

Q.1

Our refined transport strategy includes ferry terminals, transport interchanges, improved links to Ebbsfleet International Station, and agreements with Thames Clipper and Port of Tilbury London, to maximise use of the river, rail, local public transport, walking and cycling. With the information available do you support our approach to sustainable transport and minimising impacts on the road network?

Support

The broad objectives are supported but there are concerns about how they can be delivered in practice

Q.2

Our transport proposals include a new dedicated access road between the A2 and the Resort, with a revised junction layout at the A2 Ebbsfleet junction. With the information available, do you support our approach to keeping London Resort traffic separate from local traffic?

Support

An obvious advantage in keeping Resort traffic off the local highway network, but the disadvantage that it could make local access tortuous and what will happen operationally in the longer term

Q.3

Our proposal plans to showcase and enhance the natural features of the site and riverside location, and to restore and create new habitats within and surrounding the London Resort. With the information available, do you support our approach to the environment and biodiversity?

Support

Further information is need to inform the approach given the potential impacts on ecology

Q.4

Our proposals set out our approach to integrating sustainable and low-carbon principles across the design, construction and operation of the London Resort, with an operational net zero carbon emissions target. With the information available, do you support our approach to sustainability?

Support

The objectives conform with Gravesham policy on climate change but have not been demonstrated in practice

Q.5

Our proposals include improved and enhanced pedestrian routes and cycle routes linking the local community with the River Thames. With the information available, do you support our approach to walkways, cycle routes, and public rights of way?

Support

There is a basis for development of walking and cycling routes, although east – west linkage along the A226 needs to be enhanced

Q.6

Our proposals outline a range of ways in which LRCH plans to mitigate impacts, and ways in which it could protect and showcase important local history and archaeological and cultural heritage features. Based on the information available, do you support our approach to cultural heritage?

Support

Concern over the implications for archaeology, however there is an opportunity to interpret the rich local heritage

Q.7

Based on the information available, on balance do you think the London Resort will benefit the local area in the longer term or create more problems?

The Resort offers significant economic development potential for Borough residents and businesses which are to be welcomed; however more information is needed to understand the full implications

Q.8

We are committed to creating a development that is accessible and inclusive. Our proposals set out our approach to ensuring that inclusion is embedded in the design process, and that this will be shaped and informed by ongoing engagement. Based on the information available, do you agree with our approach to accessibility and inclusivity?

Support

The resort gives great opportunities though there are issues that need to be addressed

Q.9

With the information available, what are your thoughts on the emerging masterplan and the mix we are proposing?

Support

The masterplan provides a sound basis for taking discussions forward but needs further understanding of how it will function

Q.10

We would like to know what is important to you. Please let us know if you have any further comments on the information presented at this stage.

See attached document

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Are you affected landholder? Yes

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation? Yes

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