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Dear Jon

Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 1999 - Request for a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 10 and Notification under regulation 12

Thorpe Park: Medium Term Development Plan (MTDP)

Following a request under Regulation 9 of the 1999 Regulations, the Council issued its formal screening opinion on 30 October 2009 confirming that the proposed MTDP development should be subject to an EIA. A Screening Direction was requested under regulation 5(6b) of the Regulations. The Screening Direction (26 November 2009) confirmed that the development should be subject to an EIA. Thorpe Park Operations Ltd has agreed that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will be Undertaken.

Following the receipt of the Screening Direction from the Government Office, on behalf of our client, Thorpe Park Operations Ltd, we request the Council's formal opinion on the scope of the Environmental Statement to be submitted in conjunction with the outline planning application for the proposed MTDP at Thorpe Park. The request is made under Regulation 10 of the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 1999 ('the 1999 Regulations').

This letter also represents notification of the planning authority of the intention to submit an ES for the purposes of Regulation 12 of the 1999 Regulations, which sets out the procedure to facilitate its preparation, including necessary consultations.

To assist the Council in forming a formal scoping opinion, the enclosed report provides information on the proposals and the scope of the EIA and includes information on:-

- 1 Site location and description;
- 2 Description of the nature and purpose of the development;
- 3 Possible environmental impacts, and the way in which these will be assessed; and

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4 Proposed form of the ES.

We enclose 2 copies of the document to assist in your consideration of the key issues. The following plans are enclosed with the scoping report:-

- 1 Site Location Plan (Key Plan), drawing ref
- 2 Proposed Plan, drawing ref

In considering the content of the ES, we would note that the focus of Schedule 4 of the 1999 Regulations is the significant impacts. Other lesser impacts need not be addressed within the EIA process. On the basis of the enclosed report, it is concluded that the EIA should incorporate an assessment of the following main issues:

- 1 Visual & Landscape Impact;
- 2 Hydrology & Flooding;
- 3 Ecology;
- 4 Noise & Vibration; and
- 5 Air Quality.

The environmental impact assessment for each input will be considered during both the construction period and following completion of the development. Direct, indirect, secondary and cumulative effects will also be addressed as relevant.

We seek your confirmation of the scope of the ES. We trust that the above and enclosed document provides you with sufficient information to adopt a scoping opinion and we look forward to receiving your opinion as soon as possible within the five weeks allowed by the Regulations.

Please contact Nichols Thompson or myself should you require further information or wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HJC' followed by a stylized signature.

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