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Dear Mr. Minoletti,

RE: Planning Application No. U0006.07 Beam Reach, Rainham, Essex

I would like to object to the above application on behalf of the National Liberal Party (Havering).

We find few redeeming qualities in the applicant's proposal but find much with which to object. Our main reasons being:

1) Misuse of the Beam Reach Site

Meant to be used as a Strategic Employment Site. This application will provide few jobs.

2) Traffic Congestion

The regular turnover predicted of 8,000 will increase traffic congestion given a lack of any public transport alternatives.

3) Environmental Pollution

The increased number of cars/mini-buses to and from the area will bring with it an increased level of pollution

4) Visual blight

The visual architecture will be too imposing onto the area. Such a design is more suited to an urban area (with a restricted impact).

5) Public opposition

There is massive opposition to this proposal from local residents. Surveys have indicated that 80-90% of the public would like to see the application fail, mainly of them strongly. Record numbers of locals have sent in letters of objection. Very few, if any, letters are in favour (apart from KICC members from much further afield)

We therefore feel, for planning reasons and local democracy, the application should be rejected.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Durant'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a faint, illegible stamp or watermark.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Planning Application No. U0006.07 Beam Reach, Rainham

I would like to comment on the above planning application. As Chairman of the local Labour Party I would like to register the local party's objection to this proposal.

Our reasons are many but I would like to précis:

• **Traffic Congestion**

There is **little public transport servicing the area**. Almost all visitors would have to travel by road. The proposed Auditorium is for 8,000 but the applicant expects this number to be exceeded at special times and is seeking to increase numbers in general.

The applicant has suggested that they might get over half its visitors using a fleet of buses based in Barking Station on their Tuesday evening and Sunday services.

We believe their figures to be optimistic because of undoubted delays at the pick-up points and individual preference for using personal cars. Whatever the take-up it will likely cause **gridlock to Barking Station and routes to the A1306 Town Centre**.

Those that use private car will largely come via North London resulting in problems to access points to the A1306. The time it takes to alight from car/bus will also, inevitably, overspill onto the A1306.

There are only 1,300 car parking spaces. Given the numbers of cars likely to be visiting there will be inevitable off-road parking issues (as occurred previously in their previous site in Hackney which was smaller and well serviced by public transport!)

They also intend to promote the center to outside bodies which will inevitably mean that such traffic problems that do arise will be rolled out over the week.

Overall the result would be a large increase in road traffic and an unknown amount of congestion which runs contrary to the Governments and Mayors policy of reducing carbon emission within the Capital.

• **Loss of Employment Land**

The area has been promised 'Regeneration' led by the LTGDC over the last two years. We have seen scant evidence of this of late. The Beam Reach Site's role is to assist in attracting high-quality manufacturing firms to relocate to the area. The KICC by its own admission would offer only a handful of low-skilled (already taken) jobs on a very large site.

The landlord (LDA), despite objecting to any Prison moving on site, has strangely supported this application instead of promoting the sites employment potential. We can only imagine this was offered as part of the wider aim of clearing the Olympic site (within which the KICC had its largest building). Because of the delay in a decision on this application the KICC have already **relocated their Hackney Congregation to a new site in Walthamstow**.

Overall the result would be a loss of planned and promised employment opportunities. Worse still some firms either have or indicated that they would not relocate to Beam Reach if the KICC moved on the site.

We believe that the vast majority of residents and businesses (of Barking, Dagenham and South Havering) object to this application. We as a community based organization (and many others) object to a proposal which is totally impractical for the site in question being the result of a 'quick, and not thought through, fix'

Yours faithfully



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