

Lucy Perry

From: Nick Laister <nick@dreamlandmargate.com>
Sent: 01 May 2015 16:32
To: Lucy Perry; 'Susan marsh'; Stuart McLeod
Cc: 'Nick Laister'
Subject: RE: Dreamland

Dear Lucy

Thank you for your response. We are pleased that progress is being made with TDC and we look forward to receiving the minutes and hearing from TDC about this.

I do need to speak to you to explain yesterday's email, which was a response to certain developments yesterday morning. I don't know whether you work on Friday afternoons. If you do, can you call me on my home number

[REDACTED] If next week, please call on my mobile [REDACTED]

Regards

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From: Lucy Perry [mailto:LucyP@hlf.org.uk]
Sent: 01 May 2015 14:35
To: 'Susan marsh'; Stuart McLeod
Cc: 'Nick Laister'; 'Nick Laister'
Subject: RE: Dreamland

Dear Susan,

It is good to hear from you, but I have to say that I am rather taken aback by some of the statements you have made in your email. As you know, we did have a meeting with the Chief Executive and the Leader of Thanet District Council on Wednesday afternoon, to discuss serious concerns we have with a number of areas of the project, and we had undertaken to report back to you. The minutes of the meeting have just been drawn up and are not yet issued to any parties, so I'm not clear who has spoken to you or indeed, what they have said?

We did discuss the open procurement of Sands Heritage Limited at the meeting, an issue which you have raised with us on more than one occasion. We are expecting to receive a full procurement report now from

the Council, but the long delay in supplying this has been a major obstacle in moving forward negotiations on the lease, something which we have made clear to the Council since December. If Sands Heritage Limited have decided to proceed with an opening in June, this would appear to be a very high risk approach, but presumably a risk they have decided to take themselves, and are expecting to take full responsibility for.

We also discussed the relationship between the Dreamland Trust and Thanet District Council, our concerns over project management and reporting to us, our concerns over the work done to acquire and restore the historic fairground rides and our concerns over shifts in the project scope and the heritage content of the project. These are all issues which do concern us, and are currently contributing towards us withholding grant payments to the project.

Thanet District Council has now undertaken to provide us with the level of information we expect for a major grant, and to work to improve relations between themselves and the Trust. While acknowledging that relations had been strained, the Council were most insistent that the partnership with the Trust remains in place, that they continue to meet with you, and that they expect the Trust to retain an important role in the HLF project and future operation of Dreamland. Larissa Reed (their new Head of Community Services) was keen to speak to you to help improve relations further, and I understand she will be in touch about that shortly.

On the issue of the lease, I can't say that this is something which will be resolved quickly. We just haven't been kept fully enough informed on progress or been brought into the discussions at an early enough stage for me to be able to say with confidence that that will happen. We only received a copy of the lease in February, and as I've already mentioned, we are still waiting on all the procurement information which will allow us to proceed with reviewing that documentation.

I do share your concerns over the tight timetable, but for us, we also have to meet our own responsibilities as a funder and ensure that lottery players' money is appropriately spent, and the terms of our grant met.

With kind regards,

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Dear Lucy & Stuart