

Report from online meeting with BRB.

Yesterday 13th May we endured a presentation from some of the BRB team who have been assertively requesting a meeting with WMTC councillors.

It comprised an initial 30 minutes of a slide show talk replicating some of the pages in their Stage One Consultation documentation. Thereafter we were able to put questions to their experts. In summary these included the following:

- What financial support is being given to Essex County Council
- Have there been any priorities given to BRB land acquisition for areas such as Park and Ride land over planning applications
- Level of employment of Chinese workforce
- Concerns over Chinese Reactor design and control
- Freight deliveries and Traffic congestion on principal roads driving from Mersea
- Concern over the scale of take over of the Estuary with jetties and respective ships / barges
- Evacuation plans with particular reference to Mersea
- Marine ecosystem damage with the water abstraction for cooling
- Increase of scale, now 100Ha, and therefore visual impact of development
- The inadequacy of the Consultation now that there are no public events

Whilst we were given responses the Council will have consensus that they were not answers. An overriding concern is that our residents have not been given a substantial enough opportunity to gain reasonable insight into the proposal to be able to form a response to the BRB questionnaire can only be via a rerun of the public exhibition events.

Therefore in line with our proposal at the last EGM our resolution is now before the council.

Peter Banks 14th May 2020