

## Plans for 'London Resort' Theme Park Announced



Photo: A rollercoaster ride.

Is the river Thames the longest river in the UK?

- No, it is the longest river in England though and is around 346km long.
- The UK's longest river is the river Severn which flows through Wales and England and is 354km long.

Plans for a new UK theme park are under way and if all goes to plan, it will be open to visitors in 2024.

The 'London Resort' theme park will be enormous. It is set to be three times bigger than any other UK theme park and the most **ambitious** plans Europe has seen since Disneyland Paris was built in 1992!

In fact, the people behind the plans are so ambitious that they're not just creating one park... but two! They hope to open the second park by 2029.

The theme park will be made up of hotels, food halls, water parks and of course, rides!

Visitors will be taken on a journey to six different 'lands.'

Each of these will have a different theme, from magical woodlands and kingdoms to futuristic alien encounters. The park aims to **cater for** everyone.

But not everyone is happy about the idea of the London Resort. The response so far has been mixed.

According to a survey carried out by London Resort Company Holdings (LRCH), the developers of the theme park, 16% of people said they were against it being built. It is thought that some of the reasons for this is the possible impact on the area's environment.

The area, on the banks of the river Thames in Kent, is believed to be home to a number of high-risk species. However, according to LRCH, the plans for the park include areas designed to protect wildlife through quiet zones and green areas. They also plan to leave existing wildlife marshes as they are.

After ten years of planning, the LRCH has submitted its plans, which will be carefully considered by the government and open to a **public enquiry**.

So, what are your thoughts on the **proposal**?

### Glossary

<b>ambitious</b>	Wanting to do well or impress.
<b>cater for</b>	To give people what they want.
<b>public enquiry</b>	An investigation held by the government.
<b>proposal</b>	An idea which is put forward.

# Questions

1. Find one example of how the river Thames and river Severn are different.

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2. Which of the following facts is not mentioned in the article? (tick **one**)

- The theme park could open in 2024.
- The park will have six different lands.
- It is costing around £3.5 billion to build the park.
- There will be water parks and rides.

3. In the paragraph beginning: 'But not everyone is happy,' find a word which is similar in meaning to the word 'feedback.'

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4. Number the facts from 1-4 to show the order in which they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.

- There will be a public enquiry about the theme park.
- LRCH hope to build the second park in 2029.
- 1 It will be three times bigger than any other UK theme park.
- 16% of people asked said they were against the park being built.

5. Which of the following two options do you think is more likely? Choose **one** and explain your answer using evidence from the text to support your view.

**The London Resort theme park will be approved.**

**The London Resort theme park will not be approved.**

6. Write an alternate headline that could be used for this story using 6 words or fewer.

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