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All Interested Parties

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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the reopening and development of Manston Airport in Kent.

I am writing to notify you of a decision announced by Nusrat Ghani (on behalf of the Secretary of State) to set a new deadline for the decision on this application.

In accordance with section 107(7) of the Planning Act 2008, the attached statement was made to the House of Commons on 16 January 2020 setting the new deadline as 18 May 2020. This letter is without prejudice to the decision whether to give development consent for this project, and nothing in this letter should be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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Head of Transport Infrastructure Planning

House of Commons: Written Statement (HCWS40)

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Written Statement made by: **Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport (Ms Nusrat Ghani)** on 16 Jan 2020.

Transport Update

I have been asked by my Right Honourable Friend, the Secretary of State, to make this Written Ministerial Statement. This statement concerns the application made by RiverOak Strategic Partners Ltd (“the Applicant”) under the Planning Act 2008, of 17 July 2018 for the proposed reopening and development of Manston Airport in Kent.

Under sub-section 107(1) of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State must make his decision within 3 months of receipt of the Examining Authority’s report unless exercising the power under sub-section 107(3) to extend the deadline and make a Statement to the House of Parliament announcing the new deadline. The Secretary of State received the Examining Authority’s report on the Manston Airport Development Consent Order application on 18 October 2019 and the current deadline for a decision is 18 January 2020.

The deadline for the decision is to be extended to 18 May 2020 (an extension of 4 months) to enable further information on a range of issues to be provided by the Applicant and other Interested Parties before determination of the application by the Secretary of State.

The decision to set a new deadline is without prejudice to the decision on whether to give development consent.