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The Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP  
The Secretary of State for Transport  
c/o The Planning Inspectorate  
Temple Quay House  
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11 January 2018

**RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited ('RiverOak')  
Planning Act 2008, Section 46 Notification  
Proposed Manston Airport Development Consent Order**

I write to provide the Secretary of State with notification for the purposes of section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act') that RiverOak proposes to commence consultation pursuant to section 42 of the Act in regard to its proposed application for the Manston Airport Development Consent Order ('Manston Airport DCO'). The consultation will begin on Friday 12 January 2018 and the deadline for receiving responses is 11.59pm Friday 16 February 2018. This follows a previous statutory consultation held between 12 June and 23 July 2017.

As you are already aware, RiverOak proposes to apply to the Secretary of State under section 37 of the Act for Manston Airport DCO. The application will be for the redevelopment and reopening of Manston Airport as a hub for international air freight which also offers passenger, executive travel and aircraft engineering services.

Based on the addition of 19 aircraft stands from when the airport previously operated, on the basis that the airport is currently unable to operate, this would increase the capability of the airport by well over 10,000 air freight movements per year, which means the Project is classified as a 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project' by the Act.

In accordance with section 46 of the Act, RiverOak hereby supplies the Secretary of State with the same information that is being supplied to all relevant consultees identified in accordance with section 42 of the Act, and encloses with this letter the following documents:

In hard copy:

- an introduction to the consultation;
- a feedback form, which can be used to respond to the consultation
- a copy of RiverOak's notice under section 42, section 47(6)(a) and section 48 of the Act (which we are required to include in our consultation material).

In electronic copy:

- an updated preliminary environmental information report ("PEIR");
- a non-technical summary of the PEIR;
- an updated masterplan;
- a Noise Mitigation Plan;
- a Statement of Community Consultation; and
- an updated analysis on air freight capacity and need.

We have also included with this letter an example of a letter sent to statutory consultees who are being consulted under section 42 of the Act.

All of the consultation documents will also be made available on our website at [www.rsp.co.uk](http://www.rsp.co.uk) from 12 January 2018.

Following the receipt and consideration of responses to the consultation carried out in accordance with sections 42 and 47 of the Act it is expected that the Manston Airport DCO application will be submitted to the Secretary of State in Spring 2018.

In the meantime, should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me on the details provided below.

Yours sincerely,

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**Director**

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