



Application by RiverOak Strategic Partners Ltd for an order granting development consent for the upgrade and reopening of Manston Airport

Record of Unaccompanied Site Inspection

Background

The Examining Authority (ExA) for the application undertook an unaccompanied inspection of the application site and its surroundings on 8 January 2019. The ExA was supported by members of the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team.

The purpose of the inspection was for the ExA and the Case Team to acquire a broad familiarity with the site and its surroundings in advance of the Preliminary Meeting and subsequent hearings which were scheduled to take place on 9, 10 and 11 January 2019.

Particulars of the site inspection

The inspection began at approximately 9.15am and finished at approximately 3.30pm. Weather conditions were very good and visibility excellent.

A route was planned in advance of the inspection, having regard to matters raised in the Relevant Representations and key areas of interest arising from the ExA's reading of the application documents. The inspection was undertaken by car and on foot on public roads and footpaths. No access was required to private land so advance permission to enter land was not required and the inspection could be undertaken on an unaccompanied basis.

The ExA visited the following locations:

- Acol and Acol Conservation Area
- Broadstairs
- Cleve Court and Cleve Lodge, Monkton
- Jubilee Cottages, Manston
- Manston High Street, Manston
- Minster and Minster Abbey and Conservation Area
- Nethercourt Estate, Ramsgate
- Newington, Ramsgate
- Pegwell Bay
- Prospect Inn, Minster
- Ramsgate and Ramsgate Conservation Area
- Richborough Roman Fort and Amphitheatre
- St Lawrence, Ramsgate
- St Nicholas at Wade
- Wayborough Manor, Minster
- West Stourmouth

The ExA may undertake further Unaccompanied Site Inspections in the course of the Examination and an Accompanied Site Inspection is scheduled to take place on 19 March 2019.