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Sent via email: manstonairport@pins.gsi.gov.uk

cc: manston@bdb-law.co.uk, MOD Defence Infrastructure Organisation

Dear Sir/Madam,

Application by RiverOak Strategic Partners for an Order Granting Development Consent for the upgrade and reopening of Manston Airport

I refer to the application quoted above, for re-development of the Manston Airport site. NATS relies on critical infrastructure on the site and over the last few weeks, NATS has been engaged with the Applicant, and the MOD around the Application. Specifically, NATS understands that the Applicant has been required to agree a statement of common grounds (SOCG) by the 15th of February.

At this time, NATS has been unable to agree the required SOCG as there are a number of points where there is insufficient detail. The site in question is owned and operated by the MOD and as such NATS wishes to refer to the MOD position, as the MOD is the primary stakeholder and is managing the process of identifying a solution.

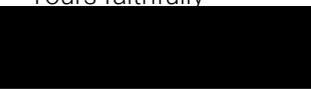
NATS remains positively engaged with the Applicant and will be working with both the Applicant and MOD in order to identify a suitable way forwards.

While NATS must maintain its objection, as progress is made around the identification of a solution, NATS will submit a further representation and keep the Inspector updated..

We trust this clarifies our position and we remain at the Inspector's disposal for any questions or requests.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully



Mr Sacha Rossi
For and on behalf of NATS En-Route plc