

**APPLICATION BY RIVEROAK STRATEGIC PARTNERS TO UPGRADE AND
REOPEN MANSTON AIRPORT
PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE TR020002
DEADLINE 3 – 15TH FEBRUARY 2019
REPRESENTATION FROM HIGHWAYS ENGLAND**

Responses to the Examining Authority's Written Questions

Highways England's responses to the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ1) issued on 18 January 2019 are as follows:

CA 1.25 Book of Reference: Affected persons Set out a reasoned statement of your understanding of the position of the Highways Agency in relation to any interests that may be held under any of the Categories for any plot in the Book of Reference [APP-007].

Response: Highways England has no interests in any plot currently in the Book of Reference. Highways England reserves its position in respect of any changes to the Book of Reference.

Tr 1.19 Is Highways England content with the scope of the additional work detailed in the ES Volume 15 [APP-060] Para 3.2.2 and with the results obtained?

Highways England considers that the use of KCC's strategic traffic model is essential in establishing the impacts of the proposed Development on the Strategic Road Network in England. Highways England awaits the results from use of the model from the Applicant.

Tr 1.39 What effect will the application have on the implementation of measures under Operations Stack and Brock (or any later iterations)?

We understand that the Department for Transport will respond to this question.

Summary of Highways England's current position

1. Highways England is engaged with the Applicant and with Kent County Council on traffic modelling, the assessment of the impact of the proposed Development on the Strategic Road Network, whether there is a need for mitigation of that impact on the SRN and what form any mitigation should take.
2. Unfortunately it has not been possible to agree a Statement of Common Ground with the Applicant at this time. We are hopeful of one being provided at Deadline 4.

3. Highways England's understanding of matters that are agreed and, respectively, not yet agreed with the Applicant is as follows:

Matters Agreed

- a. Highways England is neutral on the principle of the proposed Development.
- b. The methodology on the distribution of traffic from all airport operations on to the Strategic Road Network is agreed.
- c. It is agreed that an assessment of the impact of the proposed Development on M2 Junction 7 is required.
- d. The methodology on Freight is agreed
- e. The methodology on Fuel Tanker is agreed
- f. The methodology on Servicing is agreed

Matters not yet agreed

- g. The traffic generated by the proposed development is not yet agreed.
 - h. The impact of the proposed development on the Strategic Road Network, the need for mitigation and the form of any mitigation are not yet agreed.
 - i. The need or otherwise for the assessment of the impact of the proposed Development on the A2/A258 'Duke of York' roundabout at Dover is not yet agreed.
4. Highways England will seek to reach agreement with the Applicant on outstanding matters before the end of the Examination, noting that discussions are not as far progressed as we would have expected at this stage of the process.
5. At present Highways England remains of the view, set out in our Relevant Representation [RR-0673], that the applicant has not demonstrated that the development will have an acceptable impact on highway safety or that the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would not be severe. Therefore Highways England continues to object to the proposed development.

Highways England
15th February 2019