

Save Manson Airport association comments on the Avia Report, with Reference to

Stone Hill Park Limited - TR020002/TR020002-003137 – REP2-025 :

Deadline 1 Submission - Written summary of oral submissions put at Examination events in January 2019

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6.1 “The Azimuth forecasts are directly refuted on behalf of SHP by York Aviation and Altitude Aviation and (independently) in the reports prepared for Thanet District Council by AviaSolutions.” [1,3]

Stonehill Park state that AviaSolutions concluded that

“airport operations at Manston are very unlikely to be financially viable in the longer term and almost certainly not possible in the period to 2031” (paragraph 2.5) [4].

Thus Stone Hill Park appear to be claiming that the AviaSolutions report shows that Manson can not be a successful airport.

This is not so : The AviaSolutions report start from a financial assumption that only £50 million will be invested in the airport infrastructure. It is no surprise, based on this, that they then conclude that, with this funding, Manston could not possibly be viable. [1] This “conclusion” follows directly from their initial assumption.

However RiverOak clearly believe that Manston needs £300 million invested in infrastructure to be successful. [1,3]

Did AviaSolutions know this ? YES !

In their Appendix A p49, AviaSolutions quote RiverOak : [3]

“The total investment that RiverOak would seek to make is in the region of £300m over the course of a 12 year period.”

So why, in this “FINAL” version of their report for Thanet District Council [2,3], did they choose to ignore this vital fact of RiverOak’s intended investment ?

What conclusion would they have reached if they had started from the RiverOak figure of £300 million invested in the Manston Airport infrastructure ? [1]

References :

[1] SMAa - Comments on the Avia Report - Deadline 3.pdf

[2] 2016-08-04 - Avia - Brief-Viability-of-Manston-Airport.pdf

[3] 2016-10-04 - Avia - Final-Report-for-TDC-Manston-Airport-Viability-Oct2017_2.pdf

[4] REP3-025 : TR020002-003137-Stonehill Park Limited - Written Representation.pdf