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Dear Richard,

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

Discovery Park Sandwich is a thriving, multi tenanted science and mixed-use business, home to over 160 companies and 3,500 employees.

Our vision is to make Discovery Park one of Europe's most successful science parks in the next 5-10 years, creating the ideal environment in which our tenant community, start-up and scale up companies can flourish, making a significant contribution to the science sector both regionally and nationally by creating high value, skilled employment opportunities with additional indirect jobs generated in non-science support industries.

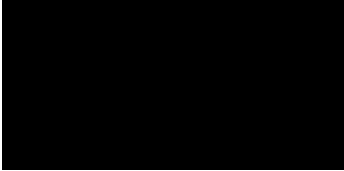
Notwithstanding the wider issues surrounding the Development Consent and planning process, an operational freight and passenger airport offering international and hub connections, would benefit Discovery Park and enhance our inward investment offer. An airport would help drive collaboration, recruitment, business connectivity as well as strengthening biotech and pharmaceutical manufacturing supply chains, particularly for cell and gene therapies where timeliness of logistics is critical.

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Key infrastructure projects like Manston and the proposed Thanet Parkway Station would provide the opportunity to further enhance our domestic and international connectivity, which would appeal not only to the overseas businesses who have a significant presence and continue to invest at Discovery Park, but those looking to exploit and export to new markets.

Yours sincerely,



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