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Sent: 30 April 2019 22:04
To: Manston Airport <ManstonAirport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Quinn Estates brochure was a fishing expedition.

Dear sir/madam,

I would like to respond to an additional submission made by a prominent campaigner for reopening the airport, Mrs. Angela Stevens, published on 30/04/2019.

The first thing to say is that this submission appears to be all about the legal owners' plans to redevelop the site. I fail to see how this is relevant to the DCO and why the Planning Inspectorate has accepted the submission. Can you explain the relevance of this submission?

The nub of Mrs. Stevens' complaint seems to be that there is a perceived discrepancy between the numbers of houses which the legal owners have applied to build in a series of outstanding planning applications, and a brochure which was produced by a Canterbury-based property developer called Quinn Estates.

In any such case I would have thought it obvious that the numbers applied for in the formal planning applications are the correct ones, and any spurious figures dreamed up elsewhere should be ignored. However, in this specific case there is an even better reason to discount the figure of 10,000 houses produced by Quinn Estates.

The Quinn Estates brochure suggested that the site's legal owners had offered to sell part of the site to Quinn Estates. Shortly after the brochure was published the site's legal owners, Stone Hill Park, and Quinn Estates issued a joint statement to explain what was going on.

Speaking for the site's legal owners, Mr Mallon said: "This is completely untrue and has no basis whatsoever." He elaborated on this as follows: "For the avoidance of doubt, we wish to make it quite clear that the owners of the site have absolutely no intention of selling any part of Stone Hill Park to Quinn Estates Ltd or any other third party."

Speaking for Quinn Estates, Huw Evans said:

"This document that has been circulated on social media was authorised by Quinn Estates for the use of Quinn Estates without the knowledge of the owners of the former Manston Airport site.

Quinn Estates is a speculative property and development company which puts 100's of documents together a year with a view to securing potential finance to enable an approach to land owners throughout the country.

This document was a private and confidential document drafted for a select number of potential investors, none of which were secured. The ideas have not progressed as they didn't appear feasible and Quinn Estates has not contacted the owners of the Manston site with the ideas included within this document.

Therefore, it is not the case that Quinn Estates are in negotiation with the owners of Stone Hill Park to purchase any of the land."

It's abundantly clear that the brochure being referred to by Mrs Stevens in her submission had nothing whatsoever to do with the site's legal owners and does not form any part of their current

plans. It is irrelevant. You should be aware that the joint statement from which I have quoted was widely reported in the local press and has been regularly brought to the attention of members of the pro-airport campaign who persist in citing the Quinn Estates brochure as evidence of some secret conspiracy. Please don't waste the limited time you have left on this examination chasing your tail.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Peter Binding

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