

**Save Manston Airport association response to document named;**

*“ Deadline 6 Submission - Comment in Response to Applicant Cover Letter - Late submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority “*

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The Committee of the volunteer group Save Manston Airport association note that the limited company FIVE10TWELVE LIMITED (Company number 08412137) have continued their attack on the RiverOak Manston Airport DCO application, and have written to the National Planning Inspectorate alleging "that members of SMAa are being paid to make representations to the Examining Authority" .

Nothing could be further from the truth. SMAa members have certainly not been paid to make representations, the reverse is the case : the SMAa Committee have raised many thousands of pound in voluntary donations from the membership, in support of newspaper and web adverts, and for printing and commercially delivering flyers through doors.

We read ManstonSave's comment as just saying that some members of SMAa have day jobs which require them to submit representations to PINS and that they will do so in support of the RiverOak DCO.

Finally, we will just note that the quote from the twitter thread that FIVE10TWELVE LIMITED sent to the Inspectorate was highly selective, as can be seen below.

Dr. Beau Webber, Chairman SMAa,

On behalf of the committee and members of SMAa.

**Save Manston Airport** @ManstonSave · Apr 28  
We've noticed an increased level of engagement in recent weeks by opponents of the airport. Some of this is probably a rehearsal for the LHR3/LGW2 DCOs; move down here, try different techniques and see what works before moving again to another area. ...1  
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**Save Manston Airport** @ManstonSave · Apr 28  
In the past we've been happy to engage - Twitter is open to all - and some of the points made by opponents have been useful to RSP so thank you ...2  
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**Save Manston Airport** @ManstonSave · Apr 28  
However now that the Examination phase is under way we have largely fallen silent. Not because we've lost the arguments - oh no, the planning inspectors' rejection of the airport fudge in the draft Local Plan show that we were right in this matter. ...3  
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No, we no longer respond because there is no point. PINS don't read tweets or Facebook posts. They aren't swayed by huge volumes of wordy arguments; it's quality and evidence they want and they won't get that on social media. ...4  
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So we're happy to let the Examiners do their work whilst we get on with planning the celebration that'll be held when the DCO is granted. ...5  
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So we won't be responding much in the future. We do accept that for some of our respondents it's their job, what they're being paid to do. Fair enough, everyone needs a job. Just try and be slightly more inventive and remember that everything you say is helpful to RSP.

1:47 AM - 28 Apr 2019

