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Application by RiverOak Strategic Partners Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent to reopen and develop Manston Airport

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 5 dealing with matters relating to socio-economics

The Examining Authority (ExA) notified Interested Parties (IPs) in its letter dated 3 May 2019 of the decision to hold an Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) into socioeconomic effects on the following date:

Hearing	Date and time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 5 Socio-economics	5 June 2019 10.00am (seating available from 9.30am)	Laurence Suite, Building 500, Discovery Park, Sandwich, CT13 9FF

Participation, conduct and management of hearing

This is the fifth ISH to be held in this Examination. It is being held because the ExA wishes to question the Applicant about the approach that it has taken to identifying and assessing any effects the scheme may have in respect of socioeconomic matters.

Oral submissions on other subject matters or from persons who are not IPs may only be heard at the discretion of the ExA.

The following IPs are invited, in particular, to attend and participate in this hearing:

- The Applicant;
- Thanet District Council; and
- · Kent County Council.

The named persons have been invited for the following reasons:

- As public bodies with policy and regulatory responsibilities for the historic environment.
- As national and local authorities for the affected area.

Participation in the hearing is subject to the ExA's power to control the hearing. IPs may be invited to make oral representations at the hearing¹ (subject to the ExA's power to control the hearing). Oral representations should be based on the

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Relevant Representations or Written Representations made by the person by whom (or on whose behalf) the oral representations are made².

However, representations made at the hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission. Rather, they should draw attention to those submissions in summary form and provide further detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the ExA.

The ExA may ask questions about representations or ask the Applicant or other party to comment or respond. The ExA will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations. Questioning at the hearing will therefore be led by a member of the Panel, supported by other Panel members.

This agenda is for guidance only. It is not designed to be exclusive or exhaustive. The ExA may add other issues for consideration, may alter the order in which issues are considered and will seek to allocate sufficient time to each issue to allow proper consideration of them.

Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does not preclude further examination of that issue, including through the inclusion of questions in the ExA's Fourth Written Questions (if issued).

Should the consideration of the issues take less time than anticipated, the ExA may conclude the hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to. Some of the issues identified in the agenda are by their nature overlapping. It may be the case therefore that certain questions later on in the agenda are answered by earlier questions. If this is the case the ExA will acknowledge this at the time.

If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any hearing there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day or continue the hearing at a subsequent sitting.

Those attending the hearing are asked to note that an early item on the agenda is to deal with any requests to question a person making oral representations directly under section 94(4)(a) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008).

The ExA may decide to allow oral cross-questioning of one party by another, where there is clear disagreement between the parties in question, to ensure adequate testing of the representations or to ensure that each party has a fair chance to put their case.

Breaks will be taken during the hearing as directed by the ExA.

All parties should note that the agenda given below is to provide a framework for this hearing and offer discussion points; it does not constrain the ExA to specific

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topics. The ExA may wish to raise other matters arising from submissions and pursue lines of inquiry in the course of the discussions which are not included in this agenda.

The hearing will have regard to submissions already set out in (amongst others):

- Relevant Representations;
- Written Representations;
- Planning Statement [APP-080];
- Environmental Statement;
- The Azimuth Report [APP-085];
- Applicant's responses to the ExA's First Written Questions [REP3-195] and relevant appendices [REP3-187];
- Applicant's responses to the ExA's Second Written Questions [REP6-012] and relevant appendices [REP6-014];
- Applicant's responses to the ExA's Third Written Questions [TBC] and relevant appendices [TBC]; and
- Local Impact Reports from Thanet District Council [REP3-010] and Kent County Council [REP3-143].

References in square brackets [] are the unique reference number in the Examination Library. This document can be found on the National Infrastructure Planning website, here: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR020002/TR020002-002558-
Manston%20Examination%20Library%20Template.pdf

During the Hearing, the ExA may additionally refer in particular to:

- Airports National Policy Statement: new runway capacity and infrastructure at airports in the South East of England, Department for Transport, June 2018
- <u>The National Planning Policy Framework</u>, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, February 2019

AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. OPENING REMARKS BY THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY (EXA)

Including consideration of other possible items for the agenda of the hearing.

3. REQUESTS TO QUESTION A PERSON MAKING ORAL REPRESENTATIONS DIRECTLY UNDER \$94 OF PA2008

The ExA will consider any requests for questioning of those making oral representations at the hearing by another person under this item at the hearing.

4. EMPLOYMENT

The ExA wishes to explore the Applicant's case in relation to the employment effects of the Proposed Development, including in relation to the following:

- a) Construction jobs; including programme, timetable and local jobs in this sector.
- Exploration of the comparators used in the Azimuth Report for employment forecasts, with reference to East Midlands, Prestwick, Stansted and Luton airports.
- c) The significance of the forecast job numbers in relation to wider job numbers in the Thanet area.
- d) Justification for detailed job forecasts.
- e) Any effect of automation.
- f) The calculation of indirect, induced and catalytic job forecasts.

This item will draw on, *inter alia*, responses to the ExA's Second Written Questions SE.2.1, SE.2.2, SE.2.3, SE.2.4, SE.2.5, SE.2.6, SE.2.7 and SE.2.8 and responses to Third Written Questions SE.3.1, SE.3.2, SE.3.3, SE.3.4, SE.3.5 and SE.3.6 and Thanet District Council's Local Impact Report [REP3-143].

5. DISPLACEMENT

Examination of any potential displacement effects of the Proposed Development in relation to employment elsewhere, either in aviation or other industry.

This item will draw on, *inter alia*, responses to the ExA's Second Written Questions SE2.9 and SE2.10.

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6. TOURISM

The ExA wishes to explore the Applicant's case in relation to the effects of the proposal on tourism, including positive and negative effects which may ensue, including:

- a) Consideration of likely inbound tourism generated by the proposal and catalytic effect on the local economy in Thanet and East Kent.
- b) Effects of outbound tourism on the local economy.
- c) Any potential negative effects on the tourist economy of Ramsgate, including upon the Ramsgate Heritage Action Zone.

This item will draw on, *inter alia*, responses to the ExA's Second Written Questions SE.2.11, SE.2.12, SE.2.13, SE.2.14 and SE.2.15 and responses to Third Written Questions SE.3.7, SE.3.8, SE.3.9 and SE.3.10.

7. EDUCATION, TRAINING AND SKILLS

Discussion and examination of the educational, training and skills proposals contained within the Proposed Development.

This item will draw on, *inter alia*, responses to the ExA's Second Written Question SE.2.17.

- 8. ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM DEADLINE 7 AND DEADLINE 7A SUBMISSIONS NOT COVERED ABOVE
- 9. ORAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED TO SPEAK
- 10. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS
- 11. EXA'S CLOSING REMARKS AND CLOSE OF HEARING

The hearing will aim to close by 1.00pm to allow a lunch break prior to the commencement of Issue Specific Hearing 6 at 2.00pm.