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To: [Manston Airport](#)
Subject: False allegations by Mr Jones - Hall. Five 10 Twelve Ltd
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Sir,

I have been a member of Save Manston Airport association, since its inception, and have been campaigning for the reinstatement of Aviation at Manston Airport for over five years, since its closure. I have a personal interest in Manston as I'm a former employee, having been involved in freight logistics, and know that the potential has not yet been achieved, for several already well documented reasons, mainly lack of investment and poor management.

As an association of several thousand members, I am distressed to read the false allegations, posted on the Inspectorates website, by Jason Jones-Hall, accusing the association of being paid retainers of RiverOak Strategic Partners.

"Whilst we appreciate that SMAA have indeed engaged in fundraising and commercial activities in order to help support the financially-challenged RiverOak Strategic Partners' DCO application, Dr Webber's reply appears to corroborate our initial concerns that SMAA members are indeed being paid to submit representations to PINs"

As a Committee Member, I can honestly state that we have never sought, been offered nor received any funding from RSP...For any purpose. We ask our members for any required funds for advertising and any other necessities, and our accounts can show this. Not that I can see it's of any concern to Mr Jones -Hall.

He also queries: "some members of SMAA have day jobs which require them to submit representations to PINS and they they will do so in support of the RiverOak DCO".

Can I point out that we have members from many walks of life, including Aviation Professionals, (Engineers and Pilots), Logistics, Civil Servants, and many other occupations, as well as numerous retired members from a very wide spectrum of experience...All with the common aim....The reinstatement of Aviation at Manston..

The majority are local residents, but we have support from across the globe.

As an Association we have submitted on behalf of our members, and also advised them to make their own representations if they so wish...We also advise that where possible, it would be better not to duplicate submissions...

As regards the DCO, and RSP, we have indeed supported the Application, but be advised, we would have supported ANY other serious applicants too, had there been any ...TDC had their "other interested parties", as promoted by the then TDC Leader Chris Wells, but as expected, they withered and died on the vine....Leaving only RSP as contenders to reinstate and vastly improve the Airport ..

Yes, we have had some of the Directors of RSP attend our events and update us as to their progress....As we have too, from our local Political Representatives..

Nothing sinister nor untoward in that .

We are wholly self funding....

Dare one ask, as a Commercial Company, Five 10 Twelve, as recent arrivals on the Thanet and Manston scene, how do they fund the time and effort to submit so many reports to the Inspectorate..?....

I somehow doubt it's for any philanthropic end ...

Mr Jones - Hall is far off the mark in his allegations that SMAA are paid agents of RSP.

We certainly support the DCO Application, and the efforts that RSP are making, as it is in parallel to our own ethos, and desire to see a thriving Airport at Manston.

I find too, that the demands of Mr Jones -Hall that the Inspectorate waste their time in seeking to establish any nefarious links between SMAA and RSP..

I can assure you and anyone else who is interested, that there is no financial or other links, apart from a mutual wish to see Manston reinstated to full operational use.

Why Five 10 Twelve, and Mr & Mrs Jones - Hall are so concerned about a group of people who support RSP and their plans for Manston is something I, nor other members can fathom...

Again I reiterate, SMAA has never been in receipt of any monies from RSP, nor are we expecting any in the future ... I, the Committee and members resent the unfounded allegations and slurs by Mr Jones -Hall .

Regards

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