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For attention of The Examining Authority

Your ref: Manston Airport
Our ref: OGC – RF

30 May 2019

Dear Sirs

Re: Development Consent Order Application by Riveroak Strategic Partners Limited (Riveroak) relating to the proposed reopening of Manston Airport

We refer to the above matter and to the Planning Inspectorate's published agenda dated 24th May and sent to the CAA on 30th May for the Issue Specific Hearing 6 dealing with Habitats Regulations, biodiversity and other environmental matters (ISH6).

We note in the agenda that the Examining Authority (ExA) has invited certain Interested Parties, including the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), to attend.

Thank you for inviting the CAA to attend and take part in the hearings. After giving this careful consideration we have respectfully decided not to attend the hearing next week.

We have provided written responses to the Examining Authority's questions (ExA) and have also agreed a detailed Statement of Common Ground with the applicant. As a statutory consultee to Riveroak's application, the CAA has provided input on those aspects of the application which relate to the CAA's regulatory functions.

As set out in the Statement of Common Ground, in order for Manston airport to become operational, Riveroak will require a number of separate approvals from the CAA, including those for aerodrome and air traffic management safety and airspace change. These processes are at an early stage and at present only the airspace change process has been formally initiated. We consider that the SoCG adequately summarises the regulatory processes which Riveroak will have to satisfy in order to make Manston Airport operational.

We have considered the agenda and areas of discussion for ISH6 and we do not wish to make any further submissions on the application at this stage but we are happy to consider any further written questions or requests for further information from the ExA or any Interested Parties either before, during or after the hearings. We will endeavour to respond to any such requests within a reasonable timeframe.

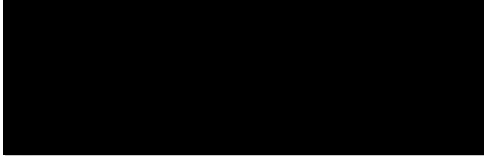
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We note that there are other issue specific hearings listed for next week to which there is an open invitation to attend to all stakeholders. We note that the CAA has not been specifically invited to attend and has not indicated an intention to do so but for completeness we confirm that we will not be attending any of the other issue specific hearings.

We trust the above is satisfactory but please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss.

Yours faithfully



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