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Dear Sirs,

Please accept our submission for Deadline 8 in response to the Issue Specific Hearing dealing with matters relating to Traffic and Transport held on 6th June 2019 as part of RSP's Development Consent Order application.

At last week's Hearing we heard that RSP object to the position of the Manston-Haine Link Road, as presented in the Thanet District Council's draft Local Plan and which is currently under examination. RSP have instead proposed an alternative alignment of the Link Road.

Currently the Link Road, which is part of Thanet's future Infrastructure Delivery Strategy, runs through the Northern Grass Area.

We heard at the Hearing that RSP were suggesting a potential re-alignment of the proposed Manston-Haine Link Road to run from the Spitfire junction up Manston Road passing alongside both the RAF Manston History Museum and the Spitfire and Hurricane Memorial Museums. According to various documents in RSP's application the road would be widened to 7.3 metres together with a footpath and a cycle route.

The following are some references to the Link Road we found in various documents submitted as part of RSP's application.

This reference is taken from Section 5 of the Transport Assessment Addendum and Appendices TR020002/D5/TA submitted 29 March 2019

5.2.1.2 RiverOak has discussed the alternative alignment with KCC and has based the connection with Manston Court Road on a KCC designs for the link road which had been produced for the purpose of costing the scheme.

The design standard identified by KCC for the Manston-Haine Link Road is as an all-purpose Band A road comprising the following:

7.3m width;

40mph design speed; and

Footway and cycle provision on one or both sides of the carriageway.

The diagram attached is on p219 of the same document

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR020002/TR020002-003781-Transport%20Assessment%20Addendum%20and%20Appendices.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2KCUU35KNLGntEkFezD7OLS5-zbhHyaZMYr_A3Vstv-RmkNq2VEpK-X9Y

On p18 of the Revised Transport Assessment: Environmental Statement Addendum TR020002/D5/ESA submitted 29 March 2019 it says –

"Corridor improvements have now been proposed for the Manston Road/Spitfire Way corridor so a consistent 7.3m wide carriageway is provided."

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR020002/TR020002-003776-Revised%20Transport%20Assessment%20Environmental%20Statement%20Addendum.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2cf9JKQV7OgD3ULVVkaluB8f0MyOP2Zches-OVbmVhb7tHIEt05NNQ2Ao>

Diagrams of the route are also found on pages 478-484 of Appendices to Answers to Third Written Questions TR020002/D7a/TWQ/Appendices Submission Deadline:7a Date: 24 May 2019

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR020002/TR020002-004071-Appendices%20to%20Answers%20to%20TWQ.pdf>

Our concerns include the following-

- that this main, Band A road passes too close to both museums which house some valuable, unique and sometimes fragile artefacts.
- that the road widening will impact and encroach upon the museums land - as the opposite side of the road is MoD restricted Crown land
- the diagram attached may be rather crude, but it appears from this that the road would cut through part of the RAF Manston History Museum – or at least through part of the grounds
- the location of the access and entry points to the museums and car park
- any potential effects on visitor numbers
- the safety of visitors, particularly as the museums attract a lot of children and elderly people.

- the vibration and pollution from the traffic which could potentially cause damage to the exhibition items
- any impact on any future large-scale commemorative events and flypasts

We were further surprised to learn that, before we spoke to a representative from one of the museums, they had no knowledge of this potential new road and had not been consulted on it.

We raise these concerns in the knowledge that there is a very short period before this examination closes and that we are keen to ensure that the museums have a secure future going forward.

Kind Regards,

Supporters of Manston Airport Committee

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