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From: Janice Willson

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Subject: Re: There is a delay on the Manston Airport DCO decision

To: Save Manston Airport association < committee@savemanstonairport.org.uk >

This is such a shame as so much is riding on this decision. Fingers crossed we will get a decisive answer in May. Good luck everybody.

Jan Willson

On Thu, 16 Jan 2020, 16:53 Save Manston Airport association,

<<u>committee@savemanstonairport.org.uk</u>> wrote:

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There is a delay on the Manston Airport DCO decision,

But we are still meeting 1pm this Sunday 19th January, in the Manston Sports & Social Club (Hoverlloyd)

The DCO Decision is Delayed.

Nusrat Ghani, Minister of State for Transport has today, Friday 16th January 2020, made a written statement to parliament and said that, like for a number of other Development Consent Orders (DCOs), there will be a delay in deciding the Manston Airport DCO, due to the recent election etc. 7 are currently delayed, some indefinitely. The new date for the Manston decision is I regret now in May.

The SMAa Committee have decided that we will STILL be holding the planned gathering this coming Sunday. Tony Freudmann will be coming.

Written Statement Transport Update House of Commons 16 January 2020

Nusrat Ghani: I have been asked by my Right Honourable Friend, the Secretary of State, to make this Written Ministerial Statement. This statement concerns the application made by RiverOak Strategic Partners Ltd ("the Applicant") under the Planning Act 2008, of 17 July 2018 for the proposed reopening and development of Manston Airport in Kent.

Under sub-section 107(1) of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State must make his decision within 3 months of receipt of the Examining Authority's report unless exercising the power under sub-section 107(3) to extend the deadline and make a Statement to the House of Parliament announcing the new deadline. The Secretary of State received the Examining Authority's report on the Manston Airport Development Consent Order application on 18 October 2019 and the current deadline for a decision is 18 January 2020.

The deadline for the decision is to be extended to 18 May 2020 (an extension of 4 months) to enable further information on a range of issues to be provided by the Applicant and other Interested Parties before determination of the application by the Secretary of State.

The decision to set a new deadline is without prejudice to the decision on whether to give development consent.

Save Manston Airport association and our 3,500 members strongly support RiverOak in reopening Manston Airport, as we know that 80% or more of the people of Thanet and East Kent are desperate for Manston Airport to return as a commercial enterprise, to bring 10,000 jobs and £ $\frac{1}{2}$ Billion infrastructure investment back to Thanet and East Kent.

