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To: [Manston Airport](#)
Subject: Late submissions to Manston DCO
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Dear Sir / Madam

I am responding to the E Mail I received last week, regarding the delay in the decision on the DCO submission on Manston Airport.

I and many thousands of supporters have been campaigning since 2014, to see aviation restored to Manston Airport, and have been fully in agreement with the RiverOak Strategic Partners plans for the site...

We have studied the plans as they have evolved, and attended the consultations, and the processes of the Planning Inspectorate , during the Examination..

Everyone had ample opportunities to submit their views be they in support or against the Development, and questions were permitted during the open sessions by the Examiners....

There was never any question of the timeframe being extended....That was clearly emphasised....everyone had to conclude by the 9 th July 2019....including answers to written questions....

RSP managed to conclude the purchase of the site from the previous owners within that timeframe....That in effect removed one of the biggest questions, and a lot of the angst surrounding the Development....Stone Hill Park, the previous owners , no longer had any cause to object ...The Compulsory Acquisition, was no longer in the mix...

Consequently all those supporters were 99% sure that the process would continue to its logical conclusion within the proposed time frame..

So it was something of a shock to learn that further questions have been accepted from some of those opposing the development, long after the accepted closing date, the latest submission being dated 23rd December 2019...

It's understood that RSP, were not informed of these late submissions either.

Until your unexpected announcement of a four month delay ...This is compounded by a very tight timeframe to respond, [31st January](#)...

I and many others find the inclusion of these late submissions, by those in opposition, is to be unacceptable on any level...

No doubt the Applicants for the DCO, RSP, will be making representations following legal advice...

I'm also sure, that a shorter extension, although frustrating, had it been attributable to the extraordinary business within Government Departments, due to BREXIT, and the General Election would have been understandable and accepted...However, by extending by FOUR months , a process that is only supposed to have a Maximum of THREE months, now totalling over Seven months is far from acceptable..

At this point I will refrain from addressing the points raised by the very late submissions, as they should not be in the mix, nor up for debate...There was plentiful time prior to July 9th 2019 to raise those points .

I hope that sufficient thought is being given to the frustrations caused to RSP, and their Investors, as well as the unnecessary further costs involved, RSP have already spent in excess of £40 millions...The overall investment to be be ploughed into the upgrading of the Airport is in the hundreds of millions, providing a great many very needed and well paid jobs locally , sustainable jobs with excellent prospectsNothing else in the whole of Kent is comparable.

I pray that these objectors submissions will be disallowed.

Yours sincerely,
Liam Coyle