

The Manston Airport Case Team
National Infrastructure Planning
The Planning Inspectorate
Temple Quay House
Temple Quay
Bristol BS1 6PN

30 January 2020

Ref: 20014405

Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: Application by RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the upgrade and re-opening of Manston Airport: Representation by Ramsgate Neighbourhood Plan Group

In response to the request for comments and further information may I confirm that Ramsgate Neighbourhood Plan Group (RNPG) has considered the contents of the letter to RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited dated 17 January 2020, in particular the items of correspondence listed in the section headed 'Late Representations'.

We are grateful to Five10Twelve Limited and to Mr Chris Lowe for their submissions. We concur with the content of the seven submissions listed.

In preparing a neighbourhood plan for Ramsgate, the community that would be most affected by the granting of a Development Consent Order to RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited, RNPG is aware of and has taken note of relevant legislation. We note that today, 30 January 2020, the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs has publicised the New Environment Bill that has been introduced to Parliament. It is our contention that the grant of a DCO to reopen a defunct airport would run counter to and seriously undermine the intentions of this bill.

Also today, the Housing Secretary is launching the Building Better Building Beautiful Commission's final report. The report emphasises the importance of community consent. The Housing Secretary's speech will recognise "that our identities go hand in hand with the places and neighbourhoods in which we live and work". Ramsgate Neighbourhood Plan Group wholeheartedly supports this statement and the welcomes the Commission's recommendations.

The whole of Ramsgate is a Heritage Action Zone and its High Street also now has Heritage Action Zone Status. Historic England has been working with the HAZ Programme Board, of which RCCT is a member since 2017 and has commissioned detailed research and reviewed both listings and conservation areas. The submission by Five10Twelve Limited dated 1 November pointed out that Ramsgate Conservation Area and The Clock House had been added to the At Risk Register. These represent only a small part of the town's built heritage that lies directly under the flight path for the proposed airport and is integral to the identity of Ramsgate.

RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited's application for a Development Consent Order poses a major threat to our community. We ask that the application be refused.

Jenny Dawes, Co-ordinator, Ramsgate Neighbourhood Plan Group.