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Subject: Application by RiverOak Strategic Partners for an Order Granting Development Consent to upgrade and reopen Manston Airport
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Notice of Secretary of State decision to set a new deadline for the decision and request by the Secretary of State for comments and further information

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Dear Mr Shapps

I have raised my objections to RSP being granted a DCO for Manston Airport many times and am truly surprised that this is still being deliberated over as has been demonstrated over and over again, Manston Airport could never be described as a National Significant Infrastructure Project and this Government would be seen as a laughing stock if it should approve this DCO application. In addition it would open the floodgates for innumerable unworthy projects to apply for this Order.

I would just like to bring a few things to your attention:

Sir Roger Gale MP for North Thanet and long term friend of Tony Freudman (the man with a dubious past and who fronts RSP and who has been in the aviation business for over 30 years and has never had a success) wrote in his weekly column in the Isle of Thanet Gazette that he had great concerns for [REDACTED] who lives in Chiswick, West London 8 miles from Heathrow. Apparently Sir Roger worries about the air quality [REDACTED] has to endure because of his proximity to Heathrow. It is shameful of Sir Roger that he has no such concerns for the residents and the children of Ramsgate who reside less than a mile from the runway at Manston Airport, as it is Sir Roger who wants to inflict a 24/7 cargo hub with all the pollution and noise night and day on those residents.

Sir Roger Gale and Craig Mackinlay (again a long-time friend of Tony Freudman) both back the DCO to reopen Manston Airport and continually quote that “the majority of Thanet residents want the airport back”. I’m afraid their personal feelings and the fact that Mackinlay owns a dormant airline fuels them to continually repeat this sentence yet they have never conducted a properly adjudicated poll, but instead encourage pro Manston supporters to conduct their own polls on Facebook. These polls and often ‘loaded’ questions such as ‘do you want your airport back?’ OR ‘do you want houses?’ The only official poll was carried out in 2012 when the airport was open and owned by Infratil. Infratil wanted night flights and so applied to Thanet District Council who paid for MORI to conduct a poll where those that took part had to prove their ID and that they lived in Thanet. The poll asked simply whether night flights would be acceptable and the result from Ramsgate residents (those that would be affected the most) was 73% against night flights. The rest of Thanet voted 70% against night flights.

RSP are now saying they don’t want night flights and yet in their application they have ‘changed’ the agreed night time flying times of 11pm to 7am and changed it to 11pm to 6am making up their own rules it seems! It is clear that they do want night flights but are trying to conceal this fact (as night flights are clearly unpopular even to airport supporters) indeed RSP’s presentation show that their new regime would allow them to operate between **5.7 and 15.3 ATMs between 0600 and 0700 every night, as well as to have an unlimited number of “late” arrivals between 2300 and 0600 of any QC level it liked.** This is clearly unacceptable and the idea that they have tried to hide these facts and that even our MPs are quoting these untruths is

unacceptable.

I therefore hope that good sense prevails and that the application to DCO Manston Airport is declined.

Kind regards

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