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Attention:

Susan Anderson

Head of Transport Infrastructure Planning.

Date 20th January 2020

Ref:TR020002: Manston Airport

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited ("the Applicant") for an Order granting Development Consent for the reopening and development of Manston Airport in Kent.

## Dear Madam

In your letter of 17th January 2020 you stated the following,"I am writing to notify you of a decision announced by Nusrat Ghani (on behalf of the Secretary of State) to set a new deadline for the decision on this application". Thanet Residents For The Reopening Of Manston Airport feel extremely concerned that the decision has been taken to accept late representations after the planning inspectors had submitted their findings to the SoS, these representations, we have been advised, are contrary to the rules of the planning act, and in accepting them, this has prejudiced Thanet Residents For The Reopening Of Manston Airport and others that have been guided by the act and rules(2010) and have not made further representations after closing dates. Therefore these representations should not be taken into account, however if the SoS is minded to, then the response's requested by the SoS from the applicant and interested parties listed in the above communication attachments, should not be subject to a further response as this will cause the decision to be delayed ad infinitum, and with it the potential loss of £millions of investment for much needed employment in this area.

This process is has not been a fair and transparent process, as these representations have only just been published long after receipt, and giving little time for challenge by the applicant and interested parties , and open to judicial review by any interested party or the applicant. Thanet Residents For The Reopening Of Manston Airport have played an active part in the process, by attending hearings and our members have submitted written submissions, adhered to the Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

## Matthew Connell

Chairman for and on behalf of Thanet Residents For The Reopening Of Manston Airport group Dedicated to supporting Manston Airport first and foremost as a centre of excellence for aviation facilities.

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