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Dear Ms Harrison and Ms Goodenough

Re-determination of the Application for an Order granting Development Consent for the reopening and development of Manston Airport in Kent (“the Development”)

Thank you for your letter of 16 June 2021 which requests an extension to the deadline of 9 July 2021 for responses to the Secretary of State’s consultation on the statement of matters for the Manston Airport development consent order application, and seeks clarification on the re-determination process. For transparency we will be publishing your letter and this response on the Planning Inspectorate’s National Infrastructure Planning Portal so it is available to all Interested Parties.

We have considered your request for an extension to the 9 July deadline. Taking into account the opportunity for participation in a further round of consultation, and in the absence of any details to substantiate the reasons you give for seeking an extension, we consider that 28 days is a reasonable period for the consultation on the statement of matters.

The statement of matters was made available to all Interested Parties when it was published on the Planning Inspectorate website on 11 June 2021. No Interested Party was given prior notice of any of the matters contained in the statement ahead of its publication and all Interested Parties are required to submit a response by the deadline of 9 July 2021.

The Secretary of State has appointed an independent aviation assessor (“the Independent Assessor”) to advise him on matters relating to the need for the Development and to produce a report summarising those findings. All representations submitted in response to the consultation on the statement of

matters which are relevant to the issue of need will be shared with the Independent Assessor, who will take these into account when drafting their report for the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State will, as a minimum, allow a period of 28 days for the second round of consultation to allow Interested Parties to submit further representations on the responses received by the 9 July 2021 deadline and the Independent Assessor's draft report.

I can confirm that all previous material sent to the Planning Inspectorate and the Secretary of State prior to 9 July 2020 and published on the National Infrastructure Planning website, including the Examining Authority's Report, will be taken into account by the Secretary of State in his re-determination of the application.

I also confirm that the statement of matters does not contain a typographical error in relation to the 9 July 2019 and 9 July 2020 dates. To clarify, 9 July 2019 is the date the examination of the application was completed by the Examining Authority, and 9 July 2020 is the date of the publication of the Secretary of State's decision on the application.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Anderson
Transport and Infrastructure Planning Unit