

For the attention of:

Manston Airport Case Team  
National Infrastructure Planning  
The Planning Inspectorate

Dear Sir/Madam

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990  
PRE-APPLICATION ENQUIRY**

**Our Ref:** PRE/21/00223

**Proposal:** Re-determination of the application by RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the upgrade and reopening of Manston Airport

**Location:** Manston Airport

I am writing following the Secretary of State's invitation for further comments following the quashing of development consent for the proposed upgrade and re-opening of Manston Airport and the subsequent re-determination of the application.

The City Council produced a Local Impact Report as part of the previous decision-making process, providing detailed responses on what it saw to be the impacts of the development on the district.

The SoS have asked for comments in relation to four specific matters; the impact of development taking into account national and local policy, the quantitative need for the development and whether it has been impacted since 9 July 2019, and the extent to which the Secretary of State should, in his re-determination of the application, have regard to the sixth carbon budget. The SoS also invites comment on any other matters material to the decision that have arisen since 9th July 2019.

Canterbury City Council's Local Plan 2017 was in place at the time of the previous round of consultation related to the development consent proposal for Manston Airport. As such there has been no shift in local policy. CCC continue to recognise that the proposal to re-open the airport would make a positive contribution to the regeneration of the East Kent economy, as well as the UK's aviation economy, anticipating

that in Thanet, the airport and surrounding sites will be the main generator of employment. The Council recognise the generally positive economic impacts for its district associated with the proposed development and there is some potential for the local economy to benefit and exploit economic opportunities arising out of the proposed development.

With regards to the sixth Carbon Budget, the Council have no specific comments to make, other than that the SoS should take into account the implication of this new legislation on the re-determination of the application.

The City Council have no further comments to add beyond those above and set out in representations submitted under the previous rounds of consultation, which included the Local Impact Report.

I hope these comments are useful and should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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