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Subject: FAO the Manston Airport Case Team: Highways England response (our ref 20014567 #13538) re Re-determination of the Application an Order granting Development Consent for the reopening and development of Manston Airport in Kent
Date: 09 July 2021 16:46:53

Dear Sirs

Thank you for your notification letter of 14 June 2021 consulting highways England regarding the above; and seeking a response no later than 9 July 2021.

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

We will be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, in this case, particularly the M2 at J7 Brenley Corner and A2 at Dover.

We note that the notification states:

I am therefore writing in accordance with rule 20(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 to set out to you, as an Interested Party to the above application, the following matters which the Secretary of State invites further representations for the purposes of his re-determination of the application. These matters are:

- the extent to which current national or local policies (including any changes since 9 July 2020 such as, but not limited to, the re-instatement of the ANPS) inform the level of need for the services that the Development would provide and the benefits that would be achieved from the Development;
- whether the quantitative need for the Development has been affected by any changes since 9 July 2019, and if so, a description of any such changes and the impacts on the level of need from those changes (such as, but not limited to, changes in demand for air freight, changes of capacity at other airports, locational requirements for air freight and the effects of Brexit and/or Covid);
- the extent to which the Secretary of State should, in his re-determination of the application, have regard to the sixth carbon budget (covering the years between 2033 – 2037) which will include emissions from international aviation; and
- any other matters arising since 9 July 2019 which Interested Parties consider are material for the Secretary of State to take into account in his re-determination of the application.

On the basis of the matters raised and our roles and responsibilities, I can confirm that we have no comments and remain content to rely on the written evidence and verbal contributions we provided during the course of the original Examination.

I trust this is sufficient for your needs, but if any queries arise regarding our response, please contact us via planningse@highwaysengland.co.uk.

Regards

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