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To All Interested Parties

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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rule 2010

Re-determination of the Application by RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the reopening and development of Manston Airport in Kent.

EXTENSION TO THE DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES - CONSULTATION ON THE INDEPENDENT AVIATION ASSESSOR'S DRAFT REPORT AND THE REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED ON THE STATEMENT OF MATTERS

On 21 October 2021, the Secretary of State published the draft report by the independent aviation assessor appointed to advise him on matters relating to need in the redetermination of the Manston Airport development consent order application. At the same time, the Secretary of State initiated a consultation to invite submissions from all Interested Parties on the draft report, representations received in response to his first round of consultation and other matters. The deadline for responses was 19 November 2021.

Following the publication of the draft report, the Secretary of State was made aware of a reference in it to a section on the extent to which the 6th carbon budget affects the need case, which had been included in error. The Secretary of State was also made aware that the Planning Inspectorate had redacted various references in the draft report in line with their corporate redaction policy.

The reference to the section on the 6th carbon budget and redactions were removed from the draft report and the amended draft report was made available on the Manston Airport project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website on 27 October 2021.

To provide Interested Parties with sufficient time to consider the amended draft report including any information contained in the materials referenced to inform their response, the Secretary of State has decided to extend the deadline for responses to the consultation from 19 November 2021 to 3 December 2021.

Yours faithfully,

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