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Re-determination of the 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 Sirs,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond. I am a supporter of reopening Manston Airport and believe there is a desperate need for it.

Please find below my response to KCC Councillor Karen Constantine’s submission of 9th July, 2021. I also show that the CEO of Gatwick Airport feels there is a need for Thanet’s future economy and supports the reopening of Manston Airport.

1). Councillor Constantine said, “There is more than adequate capacity in both freight and belly hold elsewhere, especially East Midlands airport and other London airports. All with preexisting infrastructure and much better air-road-rail links.”

I therefore emailed Gatwick Airport’s CEO, Stewart Wingate, about the above issue. Below is his representative’s reply, on behalf of the CEO. I have highlighted a couple of relevant points.

2). On 7 Dec 2020, at 17:09, Tim Norwood [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Angela

Thank you for your email addressed to Mr Wingate. Stewart has asked that I respond.

We have noted the Secretary of State’s decision in relation to Manston and that **Government policy is to make best use of existing runways. This policy is also supported by Gatwick Airport.**

In terms of Gatwick – the vast majority of our cargo is carried in the belly hold of passenger planes. Typically we have no dedicated cargo movements and we don’t see this position as changing significantly over the coming years. Our focus continues to be on passenger operations.

Our understanding is that Manston will primarily operate cargo dedicated flights only and will bring significant economic benefits to the local area.

We do not intend to comment in relation to the legal proceedings.

Regards

Tim

Tim Norwood

Chief Planning Officer

Gatwick Airport

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End.

Having read the report by Ove Arup, I confirm that I still fully support the need to reopen Manston Airport, not least because Thanet, where the airport is situated, is such a deprived area and Manston Airport has been an airport in the area for more than 100 years, with its large, existing runway, being in the family history of the majority of local residents.

RiverOak Strategic Partners (RSP) have an opportunity to help Thanet's failing economy by having hundreds of millions of private investment injected into it, to create a very different unique, state of the art, cargo hub, replacing less than 2 full stands and a lack of proper investment making Manston Airport unviable, with 19 plus stands, making it an extremely viable proposition, offering desperately needed direct and indirect jobs into Thanet and East Kent. A reopened Manston Airport would also relieve unacceptably long waiting times for hauliers, whose slots are pushed back and back at London's main airports, as priority is given to passengers.

Kind regards,

Angela Stevens

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