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% Planning Inspectorate,
National Infrastructure Planning

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For the attention of the Manston Airport Case Team

- A. This submission is in response to the SoSFT's letter of 21 October 2021 and specifically paragraph 6.
- B. We submit our comment to the First Round of Consultation herewith as a formal consultation response to the Second Round of Consultation.
- C. Our comment is in response to the submission [[TR020002-005769](#)].
- D. In **response to ANNEX 1 - The status of the Need in the Decision**. (For ease of reference we will be following the Applicant's numbering).

Page 4, Paragraph 6.

Local Construction Jobs

- The Applicant's states in [[TR020002-005769](#)] that there will be an unquantified number of construction jobs in the local area.
- The Applicant has defined local labour as those living within a 90-minute commute of the Proposed Development, this is based on research by the Impact Assessment Unit at Oxford Brookes University which defined home-based workers as living within a 90-minute commute zone¹.
- Currently there are 105,855 Construction Employees in the South East LEP area. **This is 38% above the national average².**

¹ See Page 34 [[TR020002-004664](#)]

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR020002/TR020002-0>

² Page 31 South East Skills Construction, South East Careers Magazine from the South East LEP
Available online at:

- Currently, there are current vacancies in construction in the South East LEP:
 - **30,378** unique job postings; and
 - **154,874** total postings³.
- There is not a shortage of Construction jobs in the local area.