

DEAR SIR/MADAM

PROPOSAL: CONSULTATION ON THE INDEPENDENT AVIATION ASSESSOR'S DRAFT REPORT AND THE REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED ON THE STATEMENT OF MATTERS IN RELATION TO THE 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 FROM INTERESTED PARTIES ON THE INDEPENDENT AVIATION ASSESSOR'S DRAFT REPORT INTO THE RE-DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION TO UPGRADE AND REOPEN MANSTON AIRPORT.

THE SoS HAS NOW HAD AN UPDATED INDEPENDENT REVIEW CARRIED OUT BY AN AVIATION ASSESSOR. THIS CONCLUDES THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT OR MATERIAL CHANGES TO POLICY OR THE QUANTITATIVE NEED CASE THAT DEMONSTRATE A SUFFICIENT NEED FOR THE MANSTON DEVELOPMENT.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE CONCLUSIONS CONTAINED WITHIN THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW, CCC CONTINUE TO RECOGNISE THAT THE PROPOSAL TO RE-OPEN THE AIRPORT WOULD PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE REGENERATION OF THE EAST KENT ECONOMY. THE COUNCIL RECOGNISES THE GENERALLY POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS FOR ITS DISTRICT ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE POTENTIAL FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMY TO BENEFIT AND EXPLOIT ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES ARISING OUT OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT.

THE CITY COUNCIL HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENTS TO ADD BEYOND THOSE ABOVE AND SET OUT IN REPRESENTATIONS SUBMITTED UNDER THE PREVIOUS ROUNDS OF CONSULTATION, INCLUDING 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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