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Dear Sirs

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

I totally support the DCO application by RiverOak Strategic Partners (RSP). I have written in before supporting this project and I am even more of that mind than before.

I could not believe what was in the Arup report which seemed to be a regurgitation of previously discredited weighted reports commissioned by Stone Hill Park (SHP), the previous owners of Manston Airport, which I believed to have been withdrawn a few years ago after SHP sold the airport to RSP.

We in Thanet need the airport. It exists but just needs bringing back to life with a few tweaks around the edges so to speak. It is referenced as an airport in the current Local Plan for Thanet. It won't be operating 24/7 like some would try and have us believe (even RSP have stated that they don't want to run a 24/7 operation because it would be too expensive). We need and want the jobs it will attract. Suitable transport links sit at its door so no need for huge road improvements, etc

Private investors have lined up over £300m to plough into the project beyond the £35m or so they already have getting things far. There is no gamble on behalf of the government or the local authority to be had by agreeing this DCO.

It is an utter no-brainer which I hope the SoS upholds and the project can swiftly move forward without further hindrance from a tiny minority.

Yours faithfully

Zoe FM Bates