

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

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.

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Dear Secretary of State

An exchange of messages between a Ms Patricia Greenfinch and me on the Academy FM facebook page resulted in a startling revelation: that the outcome of the DCO application has already been decided (see attached screen grab).

I would like the SoS’s assurance that this is not the case.

Given that the SoS is an aviation enthusiast and has promised to support airports in general (via the Airports Advisory Team) and Manston in particular; given that the SoS’s fellow party members MP for Thanet North (Sir Roger Gale, proud to be called “MP for RiverOak”) and MP for Thanet South (Craig Mackinlay, Director of Mama Airlines) are frequent guests along with Tony Fraudmann (Director, RiverOak Strategic Partners) at BBQs and other social events hosted by the Save Manston Airport Association , will the SoS confirm that:

The determination of RiverOak’s DCO application in respect of Manston Airport will be evidence based and follow due process, rather than be swayed by cronyism?

Thank you

James Chappell

The screenshot shows a Facebook thread with three messages. A large black redaction box covers the left side of the messages, including the names of the participants. The messages are as follows:

- Patricia Goldfinch**
Steve Roberts it's coming back
3 hrs Like Reply More
- James Chappell**
You have often said so, on many platforms.
How do you know it's coming back?
2 hrs Like Reply More
- Patricia Goldfinch**
James Chappell Inside info x