

Department for Transport

THE MANSTON AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER 2020

THE PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED) AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2009

NOTICE OF A DECISION ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

The Secretary of State for Transport (“the Secretary of State”) gives notice under regulation 23 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009, which apply by operation of regulation 37(2)(a)(ii) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, that a determination has been made on an application by RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited (“the application”) for an order granting development consent under the Planning Act 2008.

The application was for the reopening and development of Manston Airport into a dedicated air freight facility able to handle at least 10,000 air cargo movements per year whilst also offering passenger, executive travel, and aircraft engineering services. The proposals include the use of some of the remaining decommissioned airport infrastructure and the introduction of new facilities including. In addition, the order includes compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers in relation to land and rights required for the purposes of the Development.

The Secretary of State ¹ has decided, following consideration of the report of the Examining Authority who conducted an examination into the application, the report of the Independent Aviation Assessor appointed to assist with the redetermination of the application, his consultation on the Statement of Matters and subsequent consultations in the redetermination process, that development consent should be granted and therefore has made an Order under s114, s115 and s120 of the Planning Act 2008.

The statement of reasons for deciding to make an order granting development consent prepared by the Secretary of State under section 116(1) of the Planning Act 2008 and regulation 23(2)(d) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 containing the content of the decision, the requirements imposed in connection with the development, the main reasons and considerations on which the decision is based including relevant information about the participation of the public, a description of the main measures to avoid, reduce and offset any major effects of the development, and information regarding the right to challenge the decision and the procedures for doing so, is published on the Planning Inspectorate’s website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/manston-airport/>

¹ NOTE: Although this notice refers to the decision of “the Secretary of State”, the Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP has not personally been involved in this decision because of a conflict of interest, following previous statements of support made prior to his appointment as the Secretary of State for Transport. The decision has in practice been allocated to and taken by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State Karl McCartney MP, but by law must be issued in the name of the Secretary of State.

Hard copies of the decision documentation will also be available to inspect at the Planning Inspectorate's offices (by appointment using the contact details below):

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Copies of the Secretary of State's decision letter and the text of the Order can be obtained by writing or sending an e-mail to the Planning Inspectorate. No charge will be made for this service