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Subject: Application For Non Material Change Manston Airport
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to you in response to your email dated 20/7/2023 regarding the application for a Non-Material Change to the former Manston Airport Development Consent Order.

Surely it is not the correct procedure to have a consultation period from 12/7/2023 - 25/8/2023 for a number of reasons.

1) The email that I received from you was dated 20/7/2023 already 8 days into the consultation period thereby limiting the actual consultation period!!!

2) Documents submitted to the Secretary of State by RSP were dated **24/5/2023** according to the letter from the DfT which stated: 'Thank you for your email of 24th May 2023, and attached documents which provided details of the proposed application to amend The Manston Airport Development Consent Order 2022 ("the 2022 Order") and your intended approach to consultation' - and signed by Mr Gareth Leith. A further letter from RSP's lawyers was then sent on 11/7/2023 which appeared to copy the content of the initial correspondence regarding this matter.

3) The DfT effectively took SEVEN weeks to respond and finally did so on 12 July - the day the consultation is supposed to have commenced why was this?
It is worth noting that in the light of the DfT's persistent stance on the validity of the Manston DCO - in direct contradiction to not only the Planning Inspectorate's recommendations, but to those of a large number of aviation experts consulted (including Ove Arup contracted by the DfT themselves!!!!)
Surely this delay to and the resulting shortened/restricted consultation period can only be of benefit to both DfT and RSP!!

4) Also, not only does this delay shorten the consultation period by over a week since interested parties only received the communication about this matter on 20/7, but it also conveniently achieved that the consultation period effectively commenced when schools broke up and covers the whole school holiday period which will affect responses from individuals who will have other priorities at this demanding time. It is also worth noting that during this period the relevant local authorities do not have any scheduled meetings where this matter could and should be raised and discussed!

5) It is clear to me that this latest attempt by RSP (and indeed the DfT?!) to not only undermine interested parties rights to be consulted together with the further cynical attempt by RSP to, reduce the compensation figure for compulsory acquisition. This is now all the more important in the current cost of living and housing crisis especially as the cost of noise mitigation will have increased with inflation & the general rise in building materials & labour This is yet again another example of the disgusting manner in which RSP conducts its business!!

In closing I wish to state on record my objection to this application for Non - Material Change

Yours Sincerely
Frank McNamara