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By email

Date 28 May 2026
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Dear Secretary of State

Application for Non-Material Change for Development Consent Order

We act for RiverOak Strategic Partners Ltd (**RiverOak**); RiverOak are the promoters of the Manston Airport Development Consent Order 2022 – S.I. 2022/922 (the '**DCO**') which was made by the Secretary of State for Transport on 18 August 2022.

The DCO authorises the reopening and redevelopment 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, general aviation and aircraft engineering services (the '**Project**').

Since the DCO came into force on 8 September 2022, RiverOak has been working to ensure the Project is delivered effectively and efficiently. In connection with that, RiverOak has made two non-material change applications as follows:

- In July 2023, RiverOak applied for a non-material amendment to the DCO to amend the security figure in Article 9(1)(a) and a typographical error in Article 21(3) of the DCO. The Manston Airport Development Consent (Amendment) Order 2023 was made on the 22 September 2023.
- In March 2025, RiverOak applied for a non-material amendment to the DCO to amend the time limit for exercising compulsory acquisition and temporary powers in Article 21(3) from one calendar year to five calendar years. The Manston Airport Development Consent (Amendment) Order 2025 was made on 20 May 2025.

For what comes next

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RiverOak is now seeking consent from the Secretary of State to make two further non-material changes to the DCO (the **Application**) in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011, as amended (**2011 Regulations**).

The Application comprises two non-material changes to the DCO as follows:

- To amend Schedule 2, Part 1, Paragraph 2 (Time Limits) to amend the time limit to commence the authorised development from the expiration of 'five' years beginning with the date that the DCO came into force to 'seven' years beginning with the date that the DCO came into force.
- To amend Schedule 2, Part 1, Paragraph 24 (High Resolution Direction Finder) to amend the requirement so that as an alternative to the Applicant having to agree a detailed mitigation scheme for the provision of an alternate High Resolution Direction Finder with the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Defence is able to confirm that an alternate High Resolution Direction Finder is not required.

In accordance with Regulation 4 of the 2011 Regulations, we enclose electronic copies of the documents outlined below.

1. Supporting Statement

- a. This document includes:
 - i. the details of the proposed non-material change to the DCO as prescribed by the 2011 Regulations;
 - ii. an explanation as to why the proposed change is considered non-material; and
 - iii. the statement required pursuant to regulation 7A of the 2011 Regulations concerning publicising the Application and the Applicant's duty to consult.

2. Draft Amendment Order

- a. The enclosed draft Amendment Order implements the amendments proposed to the Order to reflect the change sought.
- b. The Applicant includes a Word and PDF copy of the draft Amendment Order together with a Validation Report.

3. A copy of the notice required by regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations (the Regulation 6 Notice)

- a. The Regulation 6 Notice was included with all consultation letters and will be published in newspapers as set out below.
- b. The Regulation 6 Notice will be published in the following newspapers on the following days:



- i. East Kent Mercury Series: Thursday 28 May and Thursday 4 June 2026
 - 1. East Kent Mercury (Deal and Sandwich)
 - 2. Dover Mercury
- ii. Kentish Gazette Series: Thursday 28 May and Thursday 4 June 2026
 - 1. Kentish Gazette
 - 2. Faversham News
 - 3. Herne Bay Gazette
 - 4. Whitstable Gazette
- iii. Isle of Thanet Gazette: Friday 29 May and Friday 5 June 2026
- iv. London Gazette: Thursday 28 May

4. Consultation and Publicity Statement (to follow)

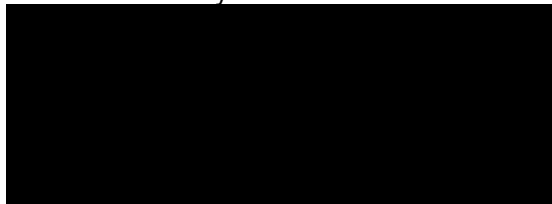
- a. While the Supporting Statement already includes the necessary information required by regulation 7A of the 2011 Regulations, the Applicant intends to submit copies of all published newspaper notices to the Secretary of State once published.

The consultation period will run between 5 June and 5 July 2026. The Applicant requests that the Manston Airport webpage run by the Planning Inspectorate is updated with the relevant application documents.

The Applicant confirms that the application fee of £6,891.00, as required by Regulation 5 of the 2011 Regulations has been paid to the Department for Transport.

For ease of reference, we also enclose a checklist at Schedule 1 to this letter, setting out all the information required by regulation 4(2) of the 2011 Regulations. We would be grateful if you would acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and its enclosures. If you have any questions or require clarification on the content of this letter or accompanying information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully



Partner
for TLT LLP



SCHEDULE 1

Checklist of details required by Regulation 4(2) of the 2011 Regulations

| Regulation | Requirement | Response |
|------------|---|---|
| 4(2)(a) | Name and address of the applicant | RiverOak Strategic Partners Ltd c/o TLT, 20 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7JE |
| 4(2)(b) | Name and address of an agent, if appointed | TLT LLP, 20 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7JE |
| 4(2)(c) | The Secretary of State's reference for the development consent order to which the application relates | The Manston Airport Development Consent Order 2022 – S.I. 2022/922 PINS Application Reference: TR020002 |
| 4(2)(d) | Details of the change being applied for | The Application seeks to make two non-material changes as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To amend Schedule 2, Part 1, Paragraph 2 (Time Limits) to amend the time limit to commence the authorised development from the expiration of 'five' years beginning with the date that the DCO came into force to 'seven' years beginning with the date that the DCO came into force. 2. To amend Schedule 2, Part 1, Paragraph 24 (High Resolution Direction Finder) to amend the requirement so that as an alternative to the Applicant having to agree a detailed mitigation scheme for the provision of an alternate High Resolution Direction Finder with the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Defence is able to confirm that an alternate High Resolution Direction Finder is not required. |



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| 4(2)(e) | Any documents and plans considered necessary to support the application | <p>The following documents form the Application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting Statement - Draft Amendment Order - Regulation 6 notice as published and sent to consultees. <p>Published newspaper notices will follow as part of a consultation and publicity statement, but the Applicant considers that it has complied with regulation 7A of the 2011 Regulations through the information provided in the Supporting Statement.</p> <p>The Secretary of State is requested to confirm that the above documents are sufficient for determination of the Application.</p> |
| 4(2)(f) | A statement as to the status of the applicant, as referred to in regulation 4(2)(f)(i) and (ii) | RiverOak Strategic Partners Ltd is the person who applied for the development consent order to which the Application relates. |
| 4(2)(ff) | The consultation and publicity statement referred to in regulation 7A | The statement required by regulation 7A is within the Supporting Statement. As published newspaper notices will follow as part of a consultation and publicity statement, but the Applicant considers that it has complied with regulation 7A of the 2011 Regulations through the information provided in the Supporting Statement. |
| 4(2)(g) | Details of the applicant's interest in the land | The Applicant is the owner of Manston Airport. Further details are set out in the Supporting Statement as well as the Land Plans and Book of Reference that accompanied the DCO. |
| 4(2)(h) | If requested by the Secretary of State, 3 paper copies of the application and other supporting documents and plans | The Applicant has confirmed with the Secretary of States that no paper copies are required. |