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To:
Applicant

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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011

Application by River Oak Strategic Partners Ltd (“the Applicant”) seeking non-material changes to the Manston Airport Development Consent Order 2022 (as amended by the Manston Airport Development Consent (Amendment) Order 2023)

Update

Responses to the Secretary of State’s letter of 11 August 2026 have now been published [here](#).

Environmental Information

The Secretary of State considers that the information provided by the Applicant in its response of [25 August 2026](#), is still insufficient to determine whether an updated Environmental Statement (“ES”) would be required and resultantly, determine the materiality of the requested changes. Additional information is required to demonstrate that the Applicant has properly considered the impacts of the proposed extension to the time limits, noting that environmental conditions may have changed since surveys were undertaken.

The Applicant is therefore requested to provide the information and evidence that allowed it to reach the conclusions in its response of 25 August 2026 that there would be no changes or impacts to those assessed in the original ES and that an updated Habitats Regulations Assessment would not be required. The Applicant is required to explain why it considers that its assessment conclusions are compliant with The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, including evidence that this was prepared by a competent expert, to confirm the completeness and quality of the information.

Following the Applicant’s response to this request, the Secretary of State will provide an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the information provided.

Deadline for Response

The deadline for response is **24 September 2026**.

Submissions sent by post may be subject to delay therefore your response on the information requested above should be submitted by email to ManstonAirport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the deadline, or difficulty in submitting a response by email, please inform the Planning Inspectorate.

Responses will be published as soon as possible after the deadline on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at: [Manston Airport - Project information](#)

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision on the Application, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully,

Transport Infrastructure Planning Casework Unit