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Subject: No to RiverOak's extension time limit

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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing in response to the letter I received from TLT regarding RiverOak Strategic Partners Ltd (RSP) and their request to extend the time limit for commencing their plans from five years to seven years. To me, this appears to be yet another delaying tactic by RSP.

On BBC Radio Kent on Tuesday 30th June 2026 at 8:20am, Tony Freudmann, Director of RSP, stated publicly that they “see us opening by the end of 2029,” referring to both cargo and passenger operations beginning simultaneously. If RSP genuinely expects flights to commence by the end of 2029, it is unclear why they require an extension. Construction would need to begin imminently to meet that timeline.

I also wish to raise concerns regarding the noise compensation scheme. RSP has stated that only 275 homes qualify for the £10,000 noise-insulation payment, based on a 63 dB threshold — a far higher threshold than used at Heathrow or London City. If RSP truly intends to begin operations by 2029, then those households should already be receiving support to install insulation, glazing, or other mitigation measures. Instead, nothing appears to be happening. This further suggests that RSP is not working to any realistic timetable and is not preparing affected residents for the noise impacts they themselves claim will begin in 2029.

Furthermore, I was under the impression that the former Manston Airport site was restricted to aviation use only. Yet the activities currently taking place on the land — including markets, drag racing, paragliding, and operations by Reclamet — suggest otherwise. This inconsistency raises further concerns about RSP’s intentions and commitment.

Based on their repeated contradictions and continual delays, I do not believe RSP has any genuine intention of reopening an airport at Manston. Their actions consistently suggest postponement rather than progress.

Yours faithfully

Miss Horne