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Good afternoon,

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Re: The Manston Airport Development Consent Order 2022

Please find attached a letter from the Ministry of Defence (MOD) updating the MOD's position to the recent consultation on an application to change a Development Consent Order.

Many thanks

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By email only

Dear Sir/Madam

The Manston Airport Development Consent Order 2022 Response to consultation on an application for a Non-Material Change under section 153 of, and Schedule 6 to, the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011

This representation is provided to update the Ministry of Defence (MOD) position as set out in the letter dated 2 July 2026, and more generally to the letter dated 28 May 2026 from TLT LLP acting on behalf of RiverOak Strategic Partners Ltd and an email from TLT LLP dated 12 August 2026.

Through correspondence provided by the applicant's representatives non-material changes are proposed to The Manston Airport Development Consent Order 2022, which relate to Schedule 2, Part 1, Requirement 2 (Time Limits), and to Schedule 2, Part 1, Requirement 24 (High Resolution Direction Finder).

As set out in the previous response, the MOD has no objection to the proposed change to Schedule 2, Part 1, Requirement 2 (Time Limits) which would increase the time period within which the development may be commenced from five to seven years.

The MOD is content to remove objection to the proposed change to Schedule 2, Part 1, Requirement 24 (High Resolution Direction Finder) which would add an 'either/or' provision. The proposed wording is set out in the draft Development Consent Amendment Order (The Manston Airport Development Consent (Amendment) Order 202[] submitted 28 May 2026).

The MOD request a further amendment to the wording provided by the applicant's representatives, specifically the removal of comma after the word 'programme' in paragraph (2). That amendment has been incorporated into the text replicated below:

(1) No part of the authorised development is to commence until either—

- (a) *a detailed mitigation scheme to provide an alternate High Resolution Direction Finder, prepared by the undertaker and agreed in writing by the Ministry of Defence, has been submitted to the relevant planning authority; or*
 - (b) *the Ministry of Defence confirms in writing that an alternate High Resolution Direction Finder is not required.*
- (2) *If required, the detailed mitigation scheme pursuant to sub-paragraph (1)(a) must include siting location(s) for the alternate High Resolution Direction Finder, full specification for the equipment and infrastructure proposed, details of a programme to test the new equipment as installed against the Ministry of Defence requirements for acceptance into service and the technical performance data necessary to establish safeguarding criteria to protect its subsequent operation.*
- (3) *No part of the authorised development is to commence until either—*
 - (a) *a programme for the decommissioning and removal of the existing High Resolution Direction Finder, prepared by the undertaker and submitted to and agreed in writing by the Ministry of Defence, has been submitted to the relevant planning authority; or*
 - (b) *the Ministry of Defence confirms in writing that the existing High Resolution Direction Finder does not need to be decommissioned and removed.*
- (4) *If required, the decommissioning and removal of the existing High Resolution Direction Finder equipment pursuant to sub-paragraph 3(a) must be carried out strictly in accordance with the details approved,*
- (5) *No part of the authorised development is permitted to be constructed within the zone protected by the Ministry of Defence (Manston) Technical Site Direction 2017 while the safeguarding direction is in force without the consent of the Secretary of State for Defence.*

I trust this is clear however should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully


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