



Secretary of State for Transport
c/o Gareth Leigh
Head of the Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit
Department for Transport
Great Minster House
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Our Ref
ADW/166055.0038
Date
19 March 2025

By Email

Dear Sirs

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 authorised 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 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 22 September 2023.

RiverOak is now seeking consent from the Secretary of State to make further a non-material change 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 one non-material change to Article 21(3) of the DCO to amend the time limit for exercising compulsory acquisition and temporary powers from 'one calendar year' to 'five calendar years'.

In accordance with Regulation 4 of the 2011 Regulations, we enclose copies of the documents outlined below. An electronic copy of all documents will be sent by email.

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1 Supporting Statement

1.1 This document includes:

- 1.1.1 the details of the proposed non-material change to the DCO as prescribed by the 2011 Regulations;
- 1.1.2 an explanation as to why the proposed change is considered non-material; and
- 1.1.3 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

- 2.1 The enclosed draft Amendment Order implements the amendment proposed to the Order to reflect the change sought.
- 2.2 The Applicant includes a Word and PDF copy of the draft Amendment Order.

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

- 3.1 The Regulation 6 Notice was included with all consultation letters and will be published in newspapers as set out below.
- 3.2 The Regulation 6 Notice will be published in the following newspapers on the following days:
 - 3.2.1 East Kent Mercury Series: **Thursday 20 March and Thursday 27 March 2025**
 - (a) East Kent Mercury (Deal and Sandwich)
 - (b) Dover Mercury
 - 3.2.2 Kentish Gazette Series: **Thursday 20 March and Thursday 27 March 2025**
 - (a) Kentish Gazette
 - (b) Faversham News
 - (c) Herne Bay Gazette
 - (d) Whitstable Gazette
 - 3.2.3 Isle of Thanet Gazette: **Friday 21 March and Friday 28 March 2025**
 - 3.2.4 London Gazette: **Thursday 20 March 2025**



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4 Consultation and Publicity Statement (to follow)

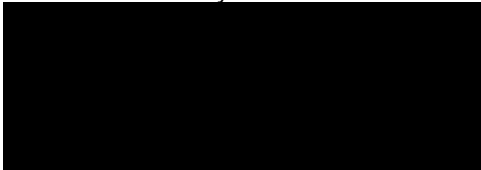
- 4.1 While the Supporting Statement already includes the necessary information required by regulation 7A of the 2011 Regulations, the Applicant intends to submit copies of all published newspaper notices to the Secretary of State once published.

The consultation period will run between **20 March 2025 and 11:59pm on 29 April 2025**. 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 and on behalf of Broadfield Law UK LLP



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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 Broadfield Law UK LLP, One Bartholomew Close, London EC1A 7BW
4(2)(b)	Name and address of an agent, if appointed	Broadfield UK Law LLP, One Bartholomew Close, London EC1A 7BW (REF: ADW)
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 DCO Reference: TR020002
4(2)(d)	Details of the change being applied for	The Application seeks to make a non-material change to: Article 21(3) of the Manston Airport Development Consent Order 2022 to amend the time limit for exercising compulsory acquisition and temporary powers from 'one' calendar year to 'five' calendar years.
4(2)(e)	Any documents and plans considered necessary to support the application	The following documents form the Application: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supporting Statement• Draft Amendment Order• Regulation 6 notice as published and sent to consultees. 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.



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		The Secretary of State is requested to confirm that the above documents are sufficient for determination of the Application.
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 State that no paper copies are required.