

## Manston Airport Airspace Design and Procedures (Engagement)

**RiverOak Strategic Partners (RSP) has plans to revive Manston Airport on the Isle of Thanet in Kent as a successful and profitable freight hub, with complementary passenger and engineering services.**

RSP has applied to the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build Manston Airport and a decision is expected in January 2020. In addition, RSP must also secure approval from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) for its use of airspace and procedures to enable safe and efficient operations to and from the airport.

**In accordance with the Civil Aviation Publication (CAP) 1616 – [Airspace Design: Guidance on the regulatory process for changing airspace design including community engagement requirements](#), RSP will initially be engaging with local authority, parish, aviation and technical bodies to seek their input on safety, environmental and operational matters to produce Airspace Design Principles that will guide the development of detailed proposals. This is the first of many stages in the regulatory process.**

**We are asking for your input and guidance in shaping Design Principles for Manston Airport by requesting you complete a questionnaire that will inform any constraints that should be taken into account.**

For technical information on planned operations at Manston Airport please refer to a separate document, Appendix A – Technical information on the Design Principles for Manston Airport, Manston Airport Instrument Flight Procedures.



## What RSP needs to build and operate Manston Airport

The proposed Manston Airport has one of the longest and widest runways in the UK, comparable to other international airports making it a valuable infrastructure asset.

RSP is proposing to secure the future of this important national asset by redeveloping and reopening it as a hub for international air freight and passenger travel.

**To build and operate the airport, RSP must secure two primary permissions via two separate consent processes:**

- A **Development Consent Order (DCO) led by Planning Inspectorate (PINS)** to build the airport. This process is now in its final stages with a decision on whether to grant a DCO from the Secretary of State for Transport expected in January 2020
- **Civil Aviation Publication (CAP) 1616 led by Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)** to secure the airspace and procedures that enable safe and efficient operations to and from the airport.

RSP will need to satisfy the CAA that its airspace and aviation proposals are compliant with national, international and global aviation regulations, and should a DCO be granted, relevant technical and other requirements would guide the airspace and procedures proposals.



## Engagement and next steps

**Transparency and engagement is at the heart of the new CAP 1616 process and all interested stakeholders and communities will have the opportunity to share their knowledge and views.**

We are currently at the start of the process and our initial engagement to develop Airspace Design Principles will be with representative bodies and individuals who can offer technical input on behalf of their local organisations and communities.

We shall be collating your feedback and a shortlist of Airspace Design Principles will be sent to you for further comment before Airspace Design Principles are submitted to the Civil Aviation Authority for their review and approval.

When these are approved, Design Options will be produced based upon the Airspace Design Principles and after that stage, we shall be consulting widely with residents, businesses, communities, the public and other stakeholders.

## How to respond

**Please send us your completed responses by Friday 15th November 2019**

### You can:

- Save the completed questionnaire either as a Microsoft Word document or as a scan and email it to [manstonairspace@communityrelations.co.uk](mailto:manstonairspace@communityrelations.co.uk);
- Or email us your responses in the body of an email providing each response is clearly identified with each question;
- Or email a scan of a hand-written response as long as it is legible and each response is clearly identified with each question;
- Or send a printed version of the completed questionnaire or hand-written response in an envelope clearly marked: **Free Post 1616**. Please do not add anything else to the envelope.