

Manston Airport: 18th August 2022

This afternoon we received notification of a Statutory Instrument entitled: The Manston Airport Development Consent Order 2022 which states on page 71:

“This Order authorises RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited to undertake works to redevelop Manston Airport in Thanet, Kent and carry out all associated works.”



The world's largest passenger plane, the Airbus A380, landed at Manston in July 2013.

The order becomes effective on 8th September 2022. The return of aviation at Manston follows sustained efforts by campaign groups, local companies and individuals throughout East Kent who were devastated by the airport's closure in May 2014. RiverOak's purchase of the site from Stone Hill Park in July 2019 was warmly welcomed by supporters who will be celebrating this evening that their faith in the new owners has been rewarded.

Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive David Foley said: “Of all the options available in East Kent to boost business, promote skills training and create jobs, the revival of Manston Airport was surely at the top of the list. The granting of the Development Consent Order promises significant benefits to local businesses and will undoubtedly make our corner of the Garden of England more attractive to inward investors and companies seeking to relocate to East Kent from other areas.”

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