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Dear Iain

**Re: Stone Hill Park – Former Manston Airport Site, Manston Road, Ramsgate (OL/TH/16/0550)**

In my letter dated 30 August 2016, I set out the Kent County Council response to the planning application which Thanet District Council has received for the comprehensive redevelopment of the above site, led by Stone Hill Park Ltd.

The planning application was considered by Officers of the County Council on its own merits. Kent County Council responds to planning applications on a frequent basis and this is a function delegated to Officers by the Council.

Therefore the response to this planning application was not presented to any meeting of the Council and nor to any committee or sub-committee meeting.

For the avoidance of doubt, KCC's response does not form any position on the use of the Manston Airport site for aviation purposes.

In the interests of clarity and for completeness, the last relevant motion passed by the County Council at its meeting on 16 July 2015:

*“RESOLVED that we the elected members of KCC wish it to be known that we fully support the continued regeneration of Manston and East Kent and will keep an open mind on whether that should be a business park or an airport, depending upon the viability of such plans and their ability to deliver significant economic growth and job opportunity.”*

The response to this planning application considered the viability of the plans and their contribution to economic growth in the context of this motion and more widely, the County Council's Strategic Statement 2015-2020 ('Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes').

I trust that I have clarified the context in which the Authority responded to this planning application but if you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Cooper', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Barbara Cooper**

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