
REJECTED PETITION – MANSTON AIRPORT

To: **Overview and Scrutiny Panel – 26 March 2015**

By: **Steven Boyle, Interim Legal Services Manager and Monitoring Officer**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Summary: **To outline a petition that has been rejected by the Monitoring Officer.**

For Information

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 When the Petitions Scheme was reviewed in light of the Localism Act 2011, a new clause was introduced to require the Council's Monitoring Officer to report to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Panel when a petition was rejected.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 The Council received an petition on the 16 December 2014 from a member of the public:

“Say yes to the CPO of Manston. Work with Riveroak to make Planes fly again from Manston”

2.2 The petitioner was advised that the Council's Monitoring Officer had rejected the petition in accordance with paragraph 1.1 of the Council's petition scheme – that the petition was “substantially the same as one already received within the preceding twelve months”. The Council had already received the following petition on 26 June 2014:

“We the undersigned petition the council to make a compulsory purchase of Manston, Kent's International Airport. We would also like Thanet District Council to look into the possibility of members of the public to buy bonds into this purchase”.

2.3 The petition consisted of both a paper petition and an Epetition, however the Epetition was not run through the Council's website and so would have been rejected irrespective of the decision by the Monitoring Officer referenced above. The Epetition had been “signed” by 2109 people and the paper petition contained 2305 signatures would have been considered as valid if the petition had been not been rejected for the above reason.

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial and VAT

3.1.1 None

3.2 Legal

3.2.1 None

3.3 Corporate

3.3.1 The Council must abide by its constitution, of which the petition scheme is an integral part. The constitution requires the Overview & Scrutiny Panel to be advised if the Monitoring Officer rejects a petition.

3.4 Equity and Equalities

3.4.1 None

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 This report is for information only.

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Annex List

None	N/A
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	N/A
Legal	Steven Boyle, Interim Legal Services Manager and Monitoring Officer