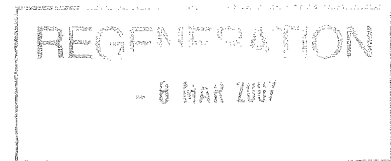




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Dear Mr Grimley,

Expansion of London Ashford Airport (Lydd) – two planning applications

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the Port of Dover's views on the above planning applications.

The Port does not have any specific views to express on either application. We do note that London Ashford Airport (LAA) wishes to provide a complementary rather than competitive service to London Manston Airport (LMA) and this is welcomed. Much effort has gone into improving the economic viability of East Kent and the future role of LMA will not be insignificant in this regard.

We previously had a beneficial arrangement with LMA in terms of passengers flying from the United States to Manston in order to take advantage of the excellent transfer times to the Port (both in terms of distance and the avoidance of London congestion) in order to meet the cruise ships departing from Dover. We are aware of at least one cruise operator potentially investigating the prospect of something similar with LAA for those travelling from other UK regions to Dover and this would be welcomed. The prospect of improving the airport-port connectivity with our cruise operations is something we would support.

I hope that the above observations are of interest.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Christian', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line that spans the width of the text.

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p.s. Apologies for the lateness of this reply.