



The DCO Application has now entered the third part of the process, known as the Pre-Examination phase. This stage of the process has no fixed timetable as it is up to the developer to determine how long they wish to allow for interested parties to submit relevant representations (subject to a minimum of 28 days), but it normally takes approximately 3 months to complete all the stages of the pre-examination.

This phase is the first point at which comments on an application can be sent to and considered by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). To make this initial representation, as a member of the public, you will need to register as an Interested Party for a specific application. As a result you will be kept informed of progress and opportunities to get involved. You can register as an Interested Party after the application has been accepted for examination and the applicant has published a notice of the accepted application. The deadline to submit relevant representations to become an Interested Party will never be less than 28 days following the date that the developer publishes their notice of an accepted application.

Any member of the public can register as an 'Interested Party' on any application. It is important to register at the time advertised, which can be done most easily using the electronic form made available on the Project page of the portal, at this address:

<http://bit.ly/PINSreg>

The progress of an application can also be monitored there.

If you have an email address the best method of registering is online via the PINS website. The online form is available on the Manston Airport project page of the portal during the registration period. The form is easy to complete as it will take you through the questions and only ask those which are relevant to you. It will also check the form for you to make sure PINS have all the information they need and to prevent you from sending it off incomplete. If you don't have internet access, then you can request a paper copy of the form from the PINS help desk on 0303 444 5000.

Any person who registers successfully will become an Interested Party and receive individual correspondence from PINS. If more than one person from a household, for example, wishes to speak at any subsequent hearing then each person needs to register separately. Note the information given in Section 5 of PINS Advice Note 8.2 – there is a link to this document at the foot of the page.

**This is the phase where individuals can show PINS that the opposition are wrong and that there is widespread support for the return of commercial aviation to Manston Airport.**

**Please don't let the opportunity pass you by. Only in exceptional circumstances will you be allowed to make representations once this phase is concluded.**

The Planning Inspectorate have published a number of useful Advice Notes on this matter

[How to register to participate in an Examination. Advice Note 8.2](#)

[The Examination: hearings and site inspections](#)