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1916		Manston begins life as a Royal Naval station during First World War
1917		Four underground hangars and barracks for 3,000 men built
1940		Badly damaged during the Battle of Britain in Second World War
1943		Sir Barnes Wallis tests his bouncing bomb at nearby Reculver
1950		American forces operate from Manston for eight years
1960		Civil aviation firms take 700,000 people abroad in a year
1969		RAF helicopters leave and a civilian firm takes over
1988		Manston has its first air show in three decades
1989		Manston became Kent International Airport
1999		Closure of RAF Manston, but civil part of the airport remains
2004		EU Jet began scheduled flights in September 2004 to destinations such as Manchester, Edinburgh, and Dublin with a small fleet of Fokker 100 airliners
2005		All EUjet operations were suspended, along with all non-freight operations at the airport, owing to financial difficulties with the airport and airline's owner, PlaneStation
2005		The sale of Manston to Infratil, a company based in Wellington, New Zealand and owner of Glasgow Prestwick Airport, was completed on 26 August 2005.
14/11/12	Wednesday	KLM Royal Dutch Airlines announced double daily return flights between Manston and Schiphol Hub, Amsterdam, with onwards connections to the rest of KLM's network. The first flight was with a Fokker 70 on 2 April 2013.
15/10/13	Tuesday	Infratil announced they would sell the airport to a company wholly owned by Ann Gloag, co-founder of Stagecoach Group.
29/11/13	Friday	Manston Skyport Ltd. took over the running of the airport. Ms Gloag said: "Whilst this is a loss making airport, I hope that with the co-operation of our neighbours and the wider community of Kent, the airport partners and staff, we can capitalise on the opportunities available to give Kent the best chance possible of having a successful and vibrant airport." She pledged to deliver "real potential for growth", and promised that she would commit to the airport for two years.
19/03/14	Wednesday	The government announced financial support for new air-routes from regional airports.
19/03/14	Wednesday	After a period of 5 months 2 weeks 2 days Ms Gloag announced that a 45-day "consultation" period into the closure of the airport had begun. KLM, Newmarket and cargo flights were forced to end. The Closure "Consultation" appears to

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		have just been an exercise of “Informing”, mainly through the media. The key Airport Consultative Committee (KIACC) meeting during the closure “consultation” appears to have been deferred until after Manston Airport was closed.
09/04/14	Wednesday	The last KLM flight departed for Amsterdam. In all, about 48k passengers had been flown to and from Schiphol Hub, Amsterdam, and international destinations.
15/05/14	Thursday	In a dramatic twist on the airport's last day, Eastenders star Cliff Parisi (Minty) has to make a forced landing whilst on a light aircraft flight to France.
15/05/14	Thursday	Offer of full asking price by USA company RiverOak turned down. Manston Airport was shut by the current owner at 5pm. A large orderly demonstration took place at the airport. The airport closed at 5pm along with the loss of 144 jobs. A NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) was also issued at closure stating that the Aerodrome has been "completely withdrawn". http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NOTAM
26/06/14	Thursday	A petition with about 7,700 signatures, to support a compulsory purchase order to preserve Manston Airport for aviation purposes, was presented to Thanet District Council (TDC) : “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.” “In addition to the 3,361 persons who have signed the Epetition, 4,330 persons have validly signed a paper petition containing the same petition prayer as the Epetition.” So about 7,700, well over the required 1000 signatures necessitating a full council meeting.
07/07/14	Monday	£10m Government funding for a Thanet Parkway station possibly on the Manston Airport boundary announced by KCC.
09/07/14	Wednesday	TG Aviation, who have been at Manston Airport for 30 years, and have 50 years remaining on their lease, failed to gain an injunction in the High Court, which would have allowed them to use the runway. The full case will be heard “soon”. SMA hold their inaugural Special General Meeting.
10/07/14	Thursday	The full Thanet District Council (TDC) held a meeting about giving consent to the TDC Cabinet to investigate raising a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) on Manston Airport, and this received nearly unanimous approval. Full notice of motion: “Council affirms its considerable disappointment at the recent closure of Manston as a regional airport. We recognise the public support for its continuation as an airport and endorse the steps taken to date towards that objective. Council urges all available options to that end be explored, including a detailed examination of the legal and financial implications of a Compulsory Purchase Order before a final decision is reached.”
17/07/14	Thursday	Kent County Council (KCC) held a Council Meeting, and unanimously supported : “Kent County Council supports the actions taken so far by Thanet District Council to retain Manston as a regional airport. We recognise the value that a regional airport brings to East Kent and are disappointed at its closure. Kent County Council will explore with Thanet District Council ways in which it can support proposals to retain Manston as an

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		airport.”
17/07/14	Thursday	<p>The same afternoon the TDC Cabinet held an extraordinary meeting about the CPO : "To inform the Cabinet of the timeline for identifying an indemnity partner in the event a CPO is sought for Manston Airport. To explain the process of a local authority bond issue." The council agreed to continue to investigate the CPO proposal.</p> <p>The aviation minister, Robert Goodwill, has told the House of Commons that the department of transport is “more than happy to help with any Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) licensing issues” relating to the future of Manston Airport.</p>
21/07/14	Monday	<p>A petition was presented to 10 Downing St, by the Thanet MPs Sir Roger Gale and Laura Sandys, TG Aviation and the Save Manston Airport group. This petition had 26,524 signatures in support of re-opening Manston as a working airport : 16,552 online & 9,972 on paper : “We do not want Manston Airport to close! there are many good points to this site. We have flights on our doorstep, it will create more jobs and if the powers that be are thinking of spending money on improving rail networks for the area it will tie in nicely with Manston Airport.”</p>
23/07/14	Wednesday	<p>Dover District Council unanimously voted to support the motion :</p> <p>"This Council supports the campaign to retain Manston as an operational airport, recognising the role and place it can have in the UK aviation industry, making better use of the regional capacity in accordance with the views of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership, while making a significant contribution as one of the strategic priorities for regeneration of the East Kent area."</p>
24/07/14	Thursday	<p>USA company RiverOak write a long letter with 2 legal addendums to TDC leader Iris Johnston, offering to buy/run the airport and fully cover purchase price and CPO costs. RiverOak state they have developed a long term plan to own and manage Manston as an airport.</p> <p>“We are firm in our belief that Manston has a viable future across many lines of air freight, aviation services including maintenance, recycling, private charter and commercial passenger services.”</p>
30/07/14	Wednesday	<p>Airport operating equipment auction by the owner, about 700 lots. X-Ray baggage scanners have been sold, fire-engines and generators have been sold. Auction continued on 31st July</p>
31/07/14	Thursday	<p>TDC Cabinet Meeting : The preliminary findings of an independent report (Stage 1) (Falcon report), which consider the viability of Manston Airport, were discussed. Cabinet accepted the report and have agreed the following:</p> <p>The commissioned viability report will be shared with the airports owners.</p> <p>Cabinet will instruct officers to proceed to Stage 2 of the viability assessment to develop a high level Business Plan – which would be necessary to support the Local Plan process and any potential future procurement for an appropriate investor/partner.</p> <p>Cabinet will also instruct officers to undertake a market testing exercise to establish the level of interest, in line with the</p>

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		<p>conclusions in the independent report – before starting a full procurement process. (Note: This is the point at which RiverOak, who wish to buy the airport for aviation purposes, may formally enter the process by asking to be Indemnity Partner – i.e. the guys who pick up the tab.) A decision regarding compulsory purchase of the airport will not be made until an Indemnity Partner is identified following the procurement process.</p>
06/08/14	Wednesday	<p>TDC issued the Prior Information Notice (PIN). Forward planning allows the placement of a PIN in the journal and shortens the timescales. What does this mean in practice? Basically, the clock for the CPO process is now ticking. The CPO process can still be stopped, and stringent checks must still be made before the CPO is issued. TDC received a number of applications to be the Council’s Indemnity Partner for the CPO to return Manston Airport to Aviation use. RiverOak formally submitted their wish to be recognised as the TDC indemnity partner.</p>
09/09/14	Tuesday	<p>Ex Air Traffic Controller, staff and a tenant slam incompetent Manston management</p>
18/09/14	Friday	<p>Minister without Portfolio and Conservative party co Chairman Grant Shapps visits TDC for talks. Afterwards makes a speech offering Government support at Manston Airport</p>
25/09/14	Thursday	<p>A further auction of vital operational equipment such as Control Tower, Airfield Lighting & Navigational Aids. Of very little value once removed, but leaves the airport unusable without a lot of hugely expensive work to reinstate them, and probably to calibrate and re-certify them. However we hear that the Instrument Landing System (ILS) has not sold, which is very good news.</p>
02/10/14	Thursday	<p>A petition “No to Houses on the Manston Airport site” was presented to Thanet District Council leader Iris Johnston, during a large and very noisy but good natured rally on the TDC steps - about 10,000 signers in all, over 8,000 e-signers, about 2,000 on paper. Reported by BBC.</p>
16/10/14	Thursday	<p>An interim report on the soft-market testing exercise to identify suitable indemnity partners to cover all of the associated costs of a CPO was taken to TDC Cabinet, a further rally taking place.</p>
24/10/14	Friday	<p>Boet E. J. Kreiken, Managing Director KLM Cityhopper, wrote an impassioned letter to ex-Manston Air Traffic Controller, Andy Wilby, making it quite clear that KLM had been forced to leave Manston by the owners closing the airport, and repudiating the suggestion that it was KLM leaving that had caused the closure.</p>
26/10/14	Sunday	<p>In response to an email from an SMA member, the Managing Director of KLM Cityhopper sets the record straight regarding the demise of their service from Manston to Schiphol</p>
27/10/14	Monday	<p>On the weeks Monday 27th October to Saturday 1st November, RiverOak flew into Kent, and held at least two meeting with TDC, and it is believed some with Government officials.</p>
01/11/14	Saturday	<p>A “Meet & Greet” session was held between RiverOak and the pro-Manston Airport groups, at TG Aviation premises.</p>

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		Well reported in KM Thanet Extra.
07/11/14	Friday	A television debate was proposed between Chris Musgrave and Trevor Cartner and a Manston supporter – Sir Roger Gale offered to take up the challenge at which point Chris Musgrave and Trevor Cartner backed out. Sir Roger gave a most impressive and hard hitting interview
12/11/14	Wednesday	Hustings meeting – at Discovery Park, chaired by David Foley – Chief Executive, Thanet & East Kent Chamber – Manston Airport discussed - show of hands 95% in favour of Manston re-opening.
18/11/14	Tuesday	2pm a meeting of the Kent International Airport Consultative Committee – incorrect minutes were released, with a number of important errors.
18/11/14	Tuesday	Also at 7pm, TDC Full Council extraordinary meeting.
27/11/14	Thursday	7pm, TDC meeting discussing the Local Plan.
28/11/14	Friday	7:30am – breakfast hustings meeting, again chaired by David Foley. Candidates discussed questions regarding Manston – show of hands from businessmen etc. again about 95% in favour of Manston re-opening.
01/12/14	Monday	KCC Cabinet meeting - removing support from Gatwick 2nd runway. Attended by SMA.
02/12/14	Tuesday	KCC Growth Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee. 10:00 am – Dr Beau Webber gave 3 minute address on Manston Airport – 1hr 6m to 1h 12m
03/12/14	Wednesday	TDC interim Officers’ report : MANSTON AIRPORT EXPLORATION OF CPO INDEMNITY PARTNER -
04/12/14	Thursday	7 pm - TDC Council meeting - Local Plan, but Manston discussed extensively.
06/12/14	Saturday	RiverOak Open Letter to the Thanet District Council.pdf
08/12/14	Monday	RiverOak’s Legal Team response to the TDC interim Officers’ report
10/12/14	Wednesday	7pm - TDC Governance and Audit Committee; Item 12. Due Diligence Protocol. Summary of TDC's Governance and Audit Committee meeting. RiverOak Submission sent to the Chairman of TDC's Governance and Audit Committee
11/12/14	Thursday	Iris Johnston visit to London to talk with Minister of State for Transport, The Rt Hon John Hayes MP.
11/12/14	Thursday	7pm, TDC Extraordinary Cabinet Meeting. Item 3. Thanet Local Plan Preferred Options; Item 4. Manston Airport. Resolved “That no further action be taken at the present time on a CPO of Manston Airport”
16/12/14	Tuesday	TDC 5.00 pm Extraordinary, Council, Item 3. Manston airport
16/12/14	Tuesday	Also 7.00 pm TDC Joint Transportation Board, Item 5. Thanet Parkway Railway Station
30/12/14	Tuesday	It is now clear that whereas 4 groups applied to be indemnity partner, at this stage only one remained. And although it has not yet been formally announced, from statements that have been made by TDC, it is clear that that possible Indemnity

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		Partner can only be RiverOak. It would appear that Ann Gloag has sold about three quarters of the airport to two property developers, Chris Musgrave and Trevor Cartner. They appear to have no interest in developing the Manston Airport as an airport (which it is still designated as) but appear to hope they will get permission to dig up the runway (which would currently bring about police intervention) and put in place “mixed development”. Thus the CPO now has to be served on 3 people, not one. We can find no record as to how much was paid, or indeed if there was a payment. All shares seem to still reside with Ann Gloag and her personal company.
02/02/15	Monday	Transport Select Committee - Smaller Airports and the closure of Manston (video). SMA attend Portcullis House TSC meeting.
12/02/15	Thursday	Transport Minister John Hayes meets Iris Johnston & Madeline Homer to discuss future of Manston
23/02/15	Monday	Transport Select Committee - Smaller Airports and the closure of Manston (video). SMA attend Westminster Palace TSC meeting.
05/03/15	Thursday	Transport Minister John Hayes announces appointment of PwC
06/03/15	Friday	Consultation on draft Local Plan closes. Amongst the representations is one from SHP, written for them by GVA
09/03/15	Monday	Final Report of Transport Select Committee - Smaller Airports published
13/03/15	Friday	FoI TDC 1/15. Details of communications between TDC and KCC regarding KCC legal assistance with a CPO. TDC response
01/04/15	Wednesday	Secretary of State for Transport Patrick McLoughlin announces Conservative 5 point plan to reopen Manston
10/04/15	Friday	Transport Minister John Hayes announces a) new 1 year deal for Search and Rescue b) that he is satisfied with Riveroak as a suitable Indemnity partner. John Hayes also met Iris Johnston.
10/04/15	Friday	Isle of Thanet Gazette reports that the Thales STAR 2000 radar equipment equipment has stopped working
23/04/15	Thursday	Madeline Homer appointed as Chief Executive
04/05/15	Monday	At the end of the General Election campaign the Prime Minister announces his wholehearted support for the reopening of the airport
07/05/15	Thursday	General Election Sir Roger Gale and Craig MacKinlay elected. Council Election 33 UKIP, 18 Conservative, 4 Labour, 1 Independant
21/05/15	Thursday	Extraordinary Council Meeting - Council vote to recommend that Cabinet “Review its position on Manston Airport” Voting: 52 for, 0 against, 4 abstained. 93% pro-Manston CPO.
02/06/15	Tuesday	Isle of Thanet Gazette reports that the Department for Transport have said that PwC has provided its report on decisions

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		made regarding the closure of Manston airport http://www.thanetgazette.co.uk/DfT-received-PwC-report-Manston-airport-closure/story-26621432-detail/story.html#ixzz3bzctlgCP
08/06/15	Monday	Planning Application F/TH/15/0457 received by TDC for change of use of Building 870. Tim Howes appointed as Monitoring Officer
15/06/15	Monday	At conclusion of mediation following the closure and subsequent sale of Manston Airport in 2014, the new and the former landowners have reached agreement with TG Aviation Ltd for the surrender of the leasehold premises from which it formerly operated and its orderly departure from the same.
16/06/15	Tuesday	Lothian Shelf (718) Ltd, present owners of Manston Airport, submit four applications for change of use of selected buildings on the perimeter. F/TH/15/0457, F/TH/15/0458, F/TH/15/0459 and FTH/15/0460.
17/06/15	Wednesday	Planning applications submitted for change of use of four hangars on the site.
17/06/15	Wednesday	MPs Sir Roger Gale and Craig Mackinlay meet with the Transport Secretary Patrick McGloughlin. Afterwards they announce that there is no impediment to a CPO
17/06/15	Wednesday	Messrs Cartner, Musgrave and Mallon hold a presentation of their plans for the airport in a tent on the site. They announced a change of name to Stone Hill Park, with yet another 'child's drawing' and with displays featuring copyright photographs of Pinewood Studios, a wave lake in Wales, Tempelhof Airport in Berlin and an "Advanced Manufacturing Park" built on an old open cast colliery near Rotherham.
23/06/15	Tuesday	Lawyers for Pinewood Studios warn Musgrave and Cartner regarding their continued usage of copyright material.
25/06/15	Thursday	Final PwC Report published. Critical of the previous TDC and offers suggestions on what still needs to be done.
29/06/15	Monday	Chris Wells travels north to attend the Local Government Association meeting in Harrogate. En route meets with Niall Lawlor and Eric Schwartz of RiverOak at the Inn on the Lake, Watling Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 3HB. See FoI request TDC 10/15
01/07/15	Wednesday	Chris Wells visits Wynyard Park in Co Durham, and meets with representatives of both Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees Borough Councils. Subsequently attends a meeting at Stockton on Tees Council offices. See FoIs TDC 6/15, TDC 7/15, TDC 8/15 and TDC 9/15
03/07/15	Friday	Cllr Wells attends a meeting at TDC offices, along with Deputy Leader, representatives from RiverOak, Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer. First time that the new Monitoring Officer has attended. General tone of meeting drastically changed and now negative towards RiverOak
10/07/15	Friday	Tim Willis appointed as Section 151 Officer at TDC
14/07/15	Tuesday	Meeting of TDC Cabinet. Agreed to review previous position regarding Manston Airport and engage legal and financial

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		experts.
16/07/15	Thursday	TDC Council meeting. Leaders report - "There had been an extraordinary Cabinet meeting to discuss the future of the airport site, it was decided that there would be a review into the decision made in 2013" Cllr Bayford response "It was good that TDC had another chance to assess the suitability of River Oak as an indemnity partner. - The Leader described Manston as a two horse race at a recent Cabinet meeting which may have indicated a change in stance from the administration." Leader response "There were two competing visions for the airport site. One vision used the existing asset, and the other began with the destruction of that asset. The Leader felt that the vision should incorporate using the existing asset."
30/07/15	Thursday	TDC Cabinet meeting
19/08/15	Wednesday	Planning Committee meeting. Resolved that Members undertake a SITE VISIT(to view Building 870) in order to assess the situation
02/09/15	Wednesday	The Town and Country Planning (Operation Stack) Special Development Order 2015 (2015 SI 1635) takes effect, in force until 1st June 2016. Amongst other things it imposes strict conditions on the use of the land and requires that the land must be restored to its condition immediately before 5th August 2015.
04/09/15	Friday	Site visit to Building 870 by Planning Committee.
08/09/15	Tuesday	Email to planning committee asking for further details of the site visit to Building 870
13/09/15	Sunday	The only constructive response to this email. Concerns that the Committee had permitted lobbying by the applicant in the course of this site visit and that there had been other irregularities.
10/09/15	Thursday	TDC Cabinet meeting No item regarding Manston but an indication of the overspend on the Dreamland CPO
16/09/15	Wednesday	Planning Committee meeting, against officer's advice Members resolved that "the application is brought back to Planning Committee on receipt of satisfactory specialist advice which confirms that the proposed extension to the building will not prejudice any potential future operation of an airport."
18/09/15	Friday	FoI 4/15. Request for details of who Cllr Wells talked to at Wynyard Park during his visit in early July 2015
20/09/15	Sunday	Queries to Planning Committee from SMA Chairman
21/09/15	Monday	Email chain between SMA member and Deputy Chair of Planning Committee. The standard of obfuscation to which the public in Thanet have become accustomed.
15/10/15	Thursday	Full Council meeting. Leaders report: "There had been a move from negotiations regarding Manston Airport, to an open and transparent report on the facts which was expected to come before Cabinet on 29 October 15. This date was subject the availability of the Council's legal consultant, who needed to be available to answer questions from Members". Cllr

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		Bayford “It was surprising that RiverOak still wished to be involved in Manston Airport after such a delay. If there were valid reasons not to pursue a CPO, then these reasons should be published.” Leader’s response “Information around Manston Airport would become clear in the report to be considered by Cabinet on 29 October “ Leaders of both Labour and DIG also spoke on this subject.
18/10/15	Sunday	FoI TDC 6/15 Request to Hartlepool Borough Council for details of who Cllr Wells talked to at Wynyard Park during his visit in early July.
18/10/15	Sunday	FoI TDC 7/15. Request to Stockton on Tees Borough Council for details of who Cllr Wells talked to at Wynyard Park during his visit in early July. It was subsequent to this that this message from Cllr Wells was received: “Your FOI to Stockton. If you make it clear you are only referring to the part of the visit that was in Stockton Council Offices, they could answer. The phrases you use could be read as encompassing other parts of the visit where Mr Schneider was not present. Regards Chris Wells” This was the first time that we became aware of this meeting.
21/10/15	Wednesday	Planning Committee meeting. Resolved “That Members refuse the application as it did not comply with Thanet Local Plan Policy EC4 and CC1.”
29/10/15	Thursday	Extraordinary TDC Cabinet meeting. no further action be taken at the present time on a CPO of Manston Airport, on the basis that RiverOak do not fulfil the requirements of the Council for an indemnity partner; Chris Wells appears on KMTV to explain why his Cabinet have decided against a CPO
30/10/15	Friday	ITV Meridian News report on the TDC Cabinet decision the previous evening
07/11/15	Saturday	FoI TDC 8/15 Subsequent to Cllr Wells's message, request To Stockton on Tees Borough Council for details of who Cllr Wells talked to at Stockton on Tees Borough Council offices during his meeting there in early July.
07/11/15	Saturday	FoI TDC 9/15 Subsequent to Cllr Wells's message, request to TDC for details of who Cllr Wells talked to at Stockton on Tees Borough Council offices during his meeting there in early July.
07/11/15	Saturday	FoI TDC 10/15 Request to TDC for details of all meetings that Cllr Wells had in the period 29th June to 2nd July inclusive, whilst he was attending the AGM of the Local Government Association. We are aware of a meeting with RiverOak representatives whilst he was on his way to Harrogate; this has never been acknowledged publicly by anyone at TDC
17/11/15	Tuesday	Extraordinary OSP meeting following call in of Cabinet decision of 29th October. Resolved to take no further action
23/11/15	Monday	FoI TDC 11/15 Subsequent to the OSP meeting and with Cllr Wells still insisting that there were four alternative investors, a request to TDC for details. Monitoring Officer replied within 24 hours, saying that there had been no contacts. Subject to an Internal review at the moment.

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26/11/15	Thursday	Craig Mackinlay MP speaks in favour of Manston Airport during debate on the Airport Commission Final Report
27/11/15	Friday	TDC Press release announcing a further soft market testing exercise
30/11/15	Monday	Presentation for DCLG delivered to the Birchington office of Sir Roger Gale; copy for him as well.
02/12/15	Wednesday	Meeting of the Constitution Review Working Party. Monitoring Officer attempting to change the rules governing OSP Procedures
03/12/15	Thursday	SHP “consultation” at the Pegwell Hotel. SMA presence reports poor attendance
03/12/15	Thursday	Full Council meeting
04/12/15	Friday	SHP “consultation” at the Holiday Inn Express, Minster. SMA presence again reports poor attendance, and SHP delegated to a small room since the main hall was needed for a wedding reception. Mallon in attendance at this one.
09/12/15	Wednesday	AMcC TDC FoI 10/15 returned, confirming that CW did meet with representatives of RiverOak whilst away at the LGA Annual Conference.
09/12/15	Wednesday	Following more revelations regarding the financial problems at Dreamland, Sir Roger Gale MP asks the Government to step in
10/12/15	Thursday	Cabinet meeting. Chris Wells was not there, Lin Fairbrass lead the meeting. Peter Campbell spoke out strongly against the airport, and in favour of development. A new PIN will be issued and a fresh soft marketing exercise started. RiverOak could re-apply, on a fresh playing field, but it is clear the rules will be strongly against overseas investors
11/12/15	Friday	Nigel Farage answers question about Manston Airport on his weekly LBC show
11/12/15	Friday	Email to Zac Goldsmith MP.
13/12/15	Sunday	Radio interview (Lembit Opik) with Sir Roger Gale and Beau Webber.
14/12/15	Monday	Sir Roger Gale speaks after statement from Patrick McLoughlin on Airport Capacity.
18/12/15	Friday	RiverOak announce that they will be pursuing a Development Consent Order (DCO)
18/12/15	Friday	Statement by Sir Roger Gale
19/12/15	Saturday	Radio 4 Today programme. Segment on the ongoing problems that UKIP are experiencing. Includes vox pop from Helen Smith, Konnor Collins and Cllr Wells.
19/12/15	Saturday	RiverOak expand on their previous statement and have re-confirmed that under their new program they continue to wish to support the development of the Spitfire and Hurricane Museum and the RAF History Museum, and will be hoping for expansion and an active apprentice program, so that they become “living museums,” with planes being actively worked on as part of the apprentice program
05/01/16	Tuesday	RiverOak meet with 5 officers of the Planning Inspectorate at their offices in Bristol. The meeting was later described as

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		“like a breath of fresh air” and that “positive progress had been made”
06/01/16	Wednesday	Lothian Shelf (718) appeal the decision of the Planning Committee over Building 870 and also the non-determination of the other three applications.
11/01/16	Monday	Manston DCO enters the pre-application stage and appears on the National Infrastructure Planning Portal
13/01/16	Wednesday	Thanet District Council issue a further Prior Information Notice (PIN) regarding soft market testing
18/01/16	Monday	Sir Roger Gale gives an interview to BBC SE News about the DCO
20/01/16	Wednesday	Iris Johnston gives an interview to BBC SE News about the Dreamland CPO
28/01/16	Thursday	Beau Webber appears on Jon Gaunt's online radio show
28/01/16	Thursday	SHP issue their case for appeal against refusal for change of use at Manston Airport
31/01/16	Sunday	SMA Annual General Meeting. Speeches by Sir Roger Gale, Tony Freudman (including questions) and Alan Marsh.
01/02/16	Monday	Beau Webber appears for the second time on Jon Gaunt's online radio show
08/02/16	Monday	House of Commons Transport Select Committee – Airport expansion in the South East
09/02/16	Tuesday	Closing date for expressions of interest in becoming an Indemnity party in a CPO with TDC
10/02/16	Wednesday	Closing date for public comments on the Lothian Shelf (718) appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.
10/02/16	Wednesday	Following an FoI request that reveals that TDC backtracked on Cllr Wells statement that there were four parties interested in becoming an Indemnity partner, members of SMA are interviewed by BBC SE News. Cllr Wells states that he “can't be bothered”.
12/02/16	Friday	Closing date for the submission of follow up questionnaires to TDC by interested parties
16/02/16	Tuesday	TDC announce that there were five parties who expressed an interest in becoming Indemnity partners, of whom three have submitted valid questionnaires.
16/02/16	Tuesday	At a session closed to the public the owners of the so-called Stone Hill Park make a presentation of their plans to Thanet District Council. Most Conservative and many UKIP councillors walk out.
17/02/16	Wednesday	Planning Committee meeting. Planning officer introduces his response to the appeals by Lothian Shelf (718) against their change of use applications. Committee vote in favour of his response, with one abstention. Also agreed to delegate the LIA regarding the Richborough Mast to officers.
19/02/16	Friday	Planning Officer lodges his response to the four appeals by Lothian Shelf (718). This was the last day on which he could lodge such a response
23/02/16	Tuesday	Update meeting number 2 between RiverOak and Planning Inspectorate
25/02/16	Thursday	TDC. Meeting of full Council. Agenda item 13 – proposed changes to the Constitution. All carried by agreement, despite known errors. Passing references to Manston Airport

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26/02/16	Friday	Complaints lodged with Standards by two SMA members regarding the changes to the OSP part of the Constitution.
28/02/16	Sunday	Ray Mallon appears on Lembit Opik's Radio Kent programme
15/03/16	Tuesday	Third SHP consultation starts at Pegwell Hotel. The new Masterplan
16/03/16	Wednesday	Third SHP consultation concludes at Holiday Inn Express hotel
19/03/16	Saturday	Second anniversary of the closure of the airport
31/03/16	Thursday	Thales radar removed
04/04/16	Monday	Ash Parish Council meeting. Beau Webber gave a presentation on the Richborough microwave towers
05/04/16	Tuesday	Beau Webber interviewed on Radio Kent regarding the proposed microwave masts at Richborough
05/04/16	Tuesday	Tony Freudmann gives a presentation to Thanet Regeneration Group
11/04/16	Monday	Ray Mallon gives a presentation on behalf of SHP to Manston Parish Council. SMA members demonstrate outside
12/04/16	Tuesday	Beau Webber has lunch with representatives of Vigilant Global, one of the microwave tower applicants
13/04/16	Wednesday	Revised version of group letter sent to the Daily Telegraph following an article on LHR3 by their Senior Political Correspondent
13/04/16	Wednesday	Confirmation that helicopter SaR services will remain at Lydd
15/04/16	Friday	Kent and Sussex Courier publish a letter of support.
16/04/16	Saturday	Daily Telegraph publish the revised group letter
22/04/16	Friday	Update meeting number 3 between RiverOak and Planning Inspectorate
28/04/16	Thursday	Cliffsend Parish Council meeting. Tony Freudmann makes a presentation.
10/05/16	Tuesday	Statutory Instrument 2016 No 564 issued, extending the availability of the airport site for Operation Stack until 31st December 2017
11/05/16	Wednesday	Analysis of all responses to the first draft of the emerging TDC Local Plan reveals that 82% of those who expressed a view on the subject supported the reopening of the airport
12/05/16	Thursday	Birchington Parish Council meeting. Tony Freudmann makes a presentation.
15/05/16	Sunday	SMA meeting at Manston Village Hall.
25/05/16	Wednesday	TDC announce that following the second round of soft market testing, no credible partners have emerged and hence a CPO will no longer be pursued. Two investors are allegedly in discussions directly with the present owners. Reported on both 1830 and 2230 BBC SE News
26/05/16	Thursday	RO meet with the trustees of the RAF and Spitfire & Hurricane Museums in Manston.
31/05/16	Tuesday	RiverOak announce their full DCO team
31/05/16	Tuesday	Stonehill Park planning application is reported to have been delivered to TDC

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01/06/16	Wednesday	RiverOak meet with TDC planners at Cecil Street, under the auspices of the Planning Inspectorate
02/06/16	Thursday	Thanet District Council confirm that they have received the SHP application. Expect the statutory Consultation Period to start on 7th June, finishing on 8th July
02/06/16	Thursday	Several pieces on Radio Kent Breakfast Show regarding the SHPO application and the future of the airport.
03/06/16	Friday	SHP announce that they have ditched plans for a film studio, saying that it would take up too much room.
07/06/16	Tuesday	Feedback period for the latest SHP plans starts
16/06/16	Thursday	Meeting of TDC Cabinet, signing off the decision not to proceed with any of the investors involved with the Soft Market Testing.
30/06/16	Thursday	RiverOak present their Scoping Report to PINS
08/07/16	Friday	Final day for public comments on the Stonehill Park application.
11/07/16	Monday	Planning Inspectorate cancel the Hearing on the Lothian Shelf (718) appeal, scheduled for 13th and 14th July. In view of the complexity of the case, and its controversial nature a Hearing would not be appropriate. PIns have therefore decided to hold an Inquiry; date to be determined later.
12/07/16	Tuesday	RiverOak pre-application consultation in Broadstairs. Brochure
12/07/16	Tuesday	Southern Water's submission regarding the SHP application includes a blanket objection to the wave park. They also request many other conditions if the application is permitted.
12/07/16	Tuesday	PIns decision on holding a Public Inquiry features on BBC SE late news
13/07/16	Wednesday	RiverOak pre-application consultation in Margate.
13/07/16	Wednesday	Beau Webber interviewed on Radio Kent, Contributions also by Simon Crow and Paul Carter (Anti) and David Stevens (Pro)
18/07/16	Monday	RiverOak pre-application consultation in Herne Bay.
21/07/16	Thursday	RiverOak pre-application consultation in Canterbury.
22/07/16	Friday	RiverOak pre-application consultation in Sandwich.
23/07/16	Saturday	RiverOak pre-application consultation in Ramsgate.
25/07/16	Monday	TDC announce yet another viability study into Manston Airport; this time by Avia Solutions
10/08/16	Wednesday	PINS publish their Scoping Opinion. Very comprehensive, with much detail for RiverOak's team to deal with.
18/08/16	Thursday	In a dramatic turn of events during the afternoon, the Founder of the Save Manston Airport association unlawfully strips the Management Committee of its social media powers and assumes sole control of the Facebook page. All bar one of the administrators of the site, as well as the moderators who devote so many hours keeping it "clean" are blocked and this is followed by a "cull" of existing members.

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		<p>Save Manston Airport association lives on. A new Facebook presence is established at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/savemanstonairportassociation</p> <p>Other Internet sites include; WordPress: http://www.savemanstonairport.org.uk/wordpress Facebook Community page: https://www.facebook.com/Save-Manston-Airport-association-209191179483939/ Twitter: https://twitter.com/ManstonSave YouTube Video archive: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJeZS3LGkiXEK8shMB2Zg</p>
02/09/16	Friday	KCC submit a “strongly supportive” response to OL/TH/16/0550
07/09/16	Wednesday	KCC Environmental & Transport Cabinet Committee meet and discuss, amongst other things, the “strongly supportive” response to OL/TH/16/0550
08/09/16	Thursday	Objection to the KCC response filed with TDC
15/09/16	Thursday	“ManstonTree” felled.
15/09/16	Thursday	Sir Roger Gale asks question about Manston Airport at Transport Questions. Regrettably, but understandably, a somewhat non-committal answer from the Transport Secretary.
20/09/16	Tuesday	RiverOak release a summary of the feedback received from the informal consultations. Over 900 responses received; 90% of respondents in favour of the airport
20/09/16	Tuesday	Seven SMAa members attend a meeting of the KCC Scrutiny Committee, where the “strongly supportive” submission to TDC regarding the OL/TH/16/0550 SHP planning application was discussed.
20/09/16	Tuesday	KCC Cllr Balfour writes to Sir Roger Gale, trying to justify the Council's “strongly supportive” submission to TDC regarding SHP planning application OL/TH/16/0550/
21/09/16	Wednesday	SHP publish a lengthy statement attempting to refute the RiverOak press release. Riddled with errors and continued misunderstanding of the DCO process
21/09/16	Wednesday	Email correspondence with Cllr Wells regarding the Avia Report. Also a response from Jenny Matterface.
22/09/16	Thursday	Police exercise at the terminal, with gunfire and grenades exploding. A car appears to have been driven through the doors of the terminal.
22/09/16	Thursday	TDC publish a letter from KCC “clarifying” their stance in their previous submission. Not really what the Scrutiny Committee wanted
22/09/16	Thursday	Robust response from RiverOak to the inaccurate SHP statement of 21st September

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04/10/16	Tuesday	TDC publish the Avia report. A brief study reveals that it is seriously flawed.
04/10/16	Tuesday	TDC announce that the Avia report confirms that aviation at Manston is over. RiverOak response is that evidence is thin
10/10/16	Monday	TDC announce that the public enquiry into the four Lothian Shelf (718) applications has been postponed until January 2017
13/10/16	Thursday	RiverOak issue an interim response to the Avia report.
13/10/16	Thursday	Full meeting of Thanet District Council. Cllr Wells reports on the Avia consultation and Cllr Bayford eviscerates him afterwards
23/10/16	Sunday	SMAA Barbecue at Manston Village Hall, with speeches from Bryan Girdler, Sir Roger Gale and Tony Freudmann.
24/10/16	Monday	After inopportune words at the barbecue, Peter Evans stands down as Chair of the Planning Committee.
25/10/16	Tuesday	Government announces that the third runway at Heathrow will go ahead.
25/10/16	Tuesday	Meeting of TDC Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Part of meeting discussed the draft Economic Growth Strategy for Thanet document. All bar one Member spoke in support of the airport (Peter Campbell spoke against) and the Panel sent the document back to officers to have the wording changed to reflect the overwhelming support of Councillors for the airport. SuMA video
26/10/16	Wednesday	An article in Thanet Extra reveals that the Department for Transport have paid so called Stone Hill Park £3.539 million to prepare and maintain the airfield in case it is needed for Phase III of Operation Stack
28/10/16	Friday	Letter to TDC CEO, copied to all TDC Councillors, from RiverOak's lawyers, BDB
31/10/16	Monday	RiverOak publish their letter to Kent County Council in response to the consultation on the Local Transport Plan (LPT4)
02/11/16	Wednesday	National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) consultation on Infrastructure concludes - SMAA and members respond.
03/11/16	Thursday	Visit by the Secretary of State of Transport. A helicopter overflight was originally scheduled but he arrived after sunset.
17/11/16	Thursday	Meeting of TDC Cabinet. Despite objections from several councillors, amended wording to the draft Economic Growth Strategy for Thanet document accepted
21/11/16	Monday	Meeting of TDC Overview & Scrutiny Panel. SMAA member David Stevens spoke, and again despite various councillors objecting to it, the amended wording to the draft Economic Growth Strategy for Thanet document was accepted
21/11/16	Monday	In a speech to the Airports Operators Association Conference at the Hilton Metropole Hotel in London, the Secretary of State for Transport, the Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, outlines his vision of the growing opportunities for UK aviation.
28/11/16	Monday	The House of Commons publish a Briefing Paper on Airports in the South East of England, and reference is made to reintroducing aviation to Manston Airport.
08/12/16	Thursday	At a meeting of the TDC Cabinet, agreement reached on a public consultation of the second draft, based on this report

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		from Officers
09/12/16	Friday	BDB write a pre-action letter to Madeline Homer and Tim Howes under the Judicial Review Pre-Action Protocol, regarding the proposed exclusion of the public from parts of the forthcoming meeting of the TDC Planning Committee
14/12/16	Wednesday	TDC Councillors at the planning meeting voted to reverse the decision to refuse planning permission for change of use, and also not to object to planning permission for the other three buildings.
19/12/16	Monday	Planning Inspectorate finally inform BDB that Section 53 authorisation (permission to access the Manston Airport site), has now been granted.
09/01/17	Monday	PINS publish all the documents relating to the S53 application for access to the airfield, revealing that SHP and their spokesman are wrong in their assertion that any delays are down to Riveroak.
09/01/17	Monday	Start of second consultation on TDC Local Plan.
19/01/17	Thursday	Launch of all-party general aviation group in the House of Commons. Sir Roger Gale renewed his vow to fight to see Manston re-opened and aircraft once again landing and taking off at the historic airfield,
25/01/17	Wednesday	Sir Roger Gale and other Kent MPs launch Team Kent
04/02/17	Saturday	ManUp event at the Winter Gardens.
05/02/17	Sunday	SMAA Annual General Meeting. Speeches by Sir Roger Gale, Tony Freudmann. Tony also took part in a Q&A session
06/02/17	Monday	Dover District Council refuse the Global Vigilant planning application (DOV/16/00044) for a microwave tower at Richborough. At the same meeting they also refuse the NLN application.
07/02/17	Tuesday	RiverOak surveyors finally gain access to the site to carry out their environmental survey
10/02/17	Friday	RSP send their draft SOCC to all interested parties, including TDC and KCC
23/02/17	Thursday	At a meeting of Thanet District Council Cllr Jason Savage asks why RiverOak Strategic Partners (RSP) were being denied the opportunity to make a presentation to the council.
06/03/17	Monday	End of second consultation on TDC Local Plan.
14/03/17	Tuesday	Day 1 of the Planning Inspectorate Public Inquiry into the Lothian Shelf (718) appeal against refusal of their planning applications for change of use for four buildings on the airport site
15/03/17	Wednesday	Day 2 of the Planning Inspectorate Public Inquiry into the Lothian Shelf (718) appeal against refusal of their planning applications for change of use for four buildings on the airport site
16/03/17	Thursday	Day 3 of the Planning Inspectorate Public Inquiry into the Lothian Shelf (718) appeal against refusal of their planning applications for change of use for four buildings on the airport site, including evidence from Sir Roger Gale.
17/03/17	Friday	Day 4 of the Planning Inspectorate Public Inquiry into the Lothian Shelf (718) appeal against refusal of their planning applications for change of use for four buildings on the airport site. Site visit

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22/03/17	Wednesday	Transport, Trade & Investment and local interests represented at RiverOak Parliamentary briefing
13/04/17	Thursday	Statement from RSP following allegedly defamatory email from the Leader of Thanet District Council
10/05/17	Wednesday	RiverOak publishes response to Thanet Local Plan consultation
19/05/17	Friday	Planning Inspector postpones his hearing into the Lothian Shelf (718) appeal until after the General Election
14/06/17	Wednesday	Second round of RSP statutory consultations begin
24/06/17	Friday	Second round of RSP statutory consultations end
05/07/17	Wednesday	RiverOak Strategic Partners announce an exclusive partnership with Securitas to implement and operate a full suite of fire and security services at Manston Airport.
13/07/17	Thursday	Planning Inspector rejects Lothian Shelf (718) appeals against all four of their applications for permission to allow change of use.
14/07/17	Friday	BBC SE evening news includes an item about the Planning Inspectors rejection of the Lothian Shelf (718) appeal. Includes an interview with Beau Webber
15/07/17	Saturday	Why Not Manston annual general meeting. Sir Roger Gale, Sally Dixon, Oliver and Craig Mackinlay all spoke well for Manston. Good turnout.
17/07/17	Monday	RSP publish a statement regarding the Planning Inspector's decision to reject the Lothian Shelf (7187) appeals
17/07/17	Monday	RSP publish a statement regarding the forthcoming closed meeting of the TDC Cabinet, at which they will be making a presentation as part of the statutory consultation process
18/07/17	Tuesday	RSP presentation to a closed meeting of the TDC Cabinet
19/07/17	Wednesday	RSP presentation to Dover District Council
21/07/17	Friday	TDC Cllr Beverly Martin resigns from UKIP and joins the Conservative group. TV interview on BBC SE evening news
23/07/17	Sunday	Arrows Scholarship / SMAA barbecue at Manston. Speeches from Tony Freudmann and Sir Roger Gale, along with a Q&A session
16/10/17	Monday	Meeting called by Herne Bay Baptist Church at their premises in the town. Tony Freudmann and Sally Dixon attend for RSP. About 20 NNF cult turned up to disrupt the meeting asking questions about Tony's past and complaining about the consultation and Sally's figures. Some were thrown out and the man in charge threatened to end the meeting if people continued to disrupt. Unfortunately a poor turnout.
17/10/17	Tuesday	Ken Gregory, Conservative councillor for Thanet Villages, dies unexpectedly.
25/10/17	Wednesday	Cabinet meeting approves revisions to the draft Local Plan, zoning the Manston Airport site for mixed use.
27/10/17	Friday	PINS publish the minutes of their meeting with RSP on 26th September 2017. Of note is RSP's revelation that over 1700 responses had been received by email or post using their consultation feedback form, and nearly 500 emails had been

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		submitted to RSP's project email address. RSP stated that about two thirds (65%) of the responses received to Question 1 of the feedback form ('To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposals for Manston Airport?') had selected 'Strongly Approve' or 'Approve'.
29/10/17	Sunday	Arrows Scholarship / SMAa barbecue at Manston. Speeches from Tony Freudmann , Sir Roger Gale, Bob Bayford, Beau Webber and John Pritchard, along with a Q&A session.
01/11/17	Wednesday	SHP submit revised application for the site
01/11/17	Wednesday	Chris Wells and Ray Mallon seen having lunch in the Crampton Bar in Broadstairs. Six photos from an SMAa member. 1 2 3 4 5 6 Paul Messenger files a complaint with the police.
20/11/17	Monday	First SHP presentation at Holiday Inn Express in Minster
21/11/17	Tuesday	RSP and SHP make presentations to KCC Conforming Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee
21/11/17	Tuesday	Meeting of TDC Overview & Scrutiny Committee. David Stevens and Craig Solly addressed the meeting, which voted overwhelmingly to reject the draft Local Plan. Only Peter Campbell voted for the Plan and there were no abstentions, although some ukip Members were absent.
21/11/17	Tuesday	SHP second presentation at the Pegwell Bay Hotel, Ramsgate. Both presentations reportedly poorly attended.
10/12/17	Sunday	Christmas party at Manston Village Hall. Speches by Sir Roger Gale, David Stevens and John Pritchard and a statement from Tony Freudmann read out.
05/01/18	Friday	Notice of publication of statement of community consultation and further notice publicising a proposed application for a DCO at Manston Airport published in the East Kent Mercury
05/01/18	Friday	A video surfaces showing Cllr Wells appearing to make the case for housing at Manston Airport. "We're doing our best to attract investors in, one of those ways is pushing to allow them to build houses on Manston Airport". Video was originally uploaded by Property Week on 18th August 2017
05/01/18	Friday	BBC SE News includes an item about the new Spitfire simulator at the Spitfire & Hurricane Museum
12/01/18	Friday	New report from RPS shows no need for housing on the Manston Airport site to meet Thanet District Council's housing needs
12/01/18	Friday	Notification of forthcoming RSP consultations appears in the Isle of Thanet Gazette
12/01/18	Friday	Second statutory RSP consultation begins
16/01/18	Tuesday	BDB, on behalf of RSP, write to Madeline Homer with reference to the forthcoming extraordinary Council meeting to discuss and approve (or not) the draft Local Plan
16/01/18	Tuesday	Email, purportedly from Madeline Homer to Councillors, is widely leaked on social media

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17/01/18	Wednesday	BBC Southeast News at both lunchtime and early evening include items regarding the full Council vote on 18th January regarding the draft Local Plan
18/01/18	Thursday	Another letter from BDB to Madeline Homer
18/01/18	Thursday	Extraordinary meeting of TDC Council, votes 35 to 20 to reject the draft Local Plan (one absentee). Cllr Wells defiant afterwards but both Craig Mackinlay and Stuart Piper suggest that the end is nigh
19/01/18	Friday	Unsurprisingly, several interviews during the day. Beau Webber with KMTV, Stuart Piper and Sir Roger Gale with Radio Kent
23/01/18	Tuesday	RSP consultation open day in Comfort Inn, Ramsgate. Very busy. Many Antis present, including Simon Crow and Fiona Simmons (who claimed - wrongly - that Niall assaulted her)
24/01/18	Wednesday	RSP consultation open day in Kings Hall, Herne Bay. Again very busy
24/01/18	Wednesday	Cllr Rev Stuart Piper is sacked from TDC Cabinet – he learns of this via social media.
27/01/18	Saturday	Email from RSP to subscribers with a summary of the two consultation events. Nearly 900 people attended
05/02/18	Monday	Following a meeting of UKIP councillors the BBC report that 12 of them will split from the main party and form an independent UKIP group. It was a fairly short meeting discussing the letter sent to Sajid Javid by Madeline Homer. The mood seemed to be business as usual and no suggestion that anyone had got anything wrong apart from those who voted against the local plan. Those present were advised of another planning expert who agrees that the housing numbers are correct and that councillors simply can't object to them. For many present the indication that there will be no change in the main approach was the final straw. Stuart Piper told Chris Wells that at least 12 of the main UKIP group would be leaving his group in the morning and formally registering as Independent UKIP Councillors.
06/02/18	Tuesday	Further news coverage. BBC lunchtime report as 12 former Kippers register as belonging to the Thanet Independent UKIP Group. The 12 are Bertie Braidwood; John Buckley; John Dennis; Robin Edwards; Edward Jaye-Jones; Lynda Piper; Stuart Piper; Linda Potts; Roy Potts; George Rusiecki; Trevor Shonk and Gary Taylor. TDC balance is now UKIP – 13 Ind UKIP - 12 Tory - 21 Labour – 6 Independent - 4
06/02/18	Tuesday	More extensive coverage on the BBC SE Evening News
07/02/18	Wednesday	Craig Mackinlay raises the issue of Manston and the Thanet Local Plan during Prime Ministers Questions. (Hansard

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		transcript)
10/02/18	Saturday	NNF hold a “mass demonstration” in Ramsgate. This was originally scheduled for 14:00 on Ramsgate Main Sands but actually took place at about 12:30 in the town centre. From photos it would appear that about 8 protesters attended.
11/02/18	Sunday	Joint TG/SMAa barbecue at Manston Village Hall. Speeches by Sir Roger and Craig Mackinlay
11/02/18	Sunday	NNF protest features in BBC SE Evening News, along with comments from Sir Roger Gale.
19/02/18	Monday	Cllr Chris Wells tenders his resignation as Council Leader, effective from 28th February. Lead item on BBC SE lunchtime news and fourth item on longer evening news edition, which included three positive VoxPops and a brief statement from Sir Roger Gale. BBC SE Late News reports that there have been mediation attempts to try to reunite the two factions within the local UKIP party
20/02/18	Tuesday	Isle of Thanet News adds more information about yesterday's mediation attempts.
20/02/18	Tuesday	Further hearing of the House of Commons Transport Select Committee – Airports National Policy Statement
22/02/18	Thursday	At the TDC Council meeting SMA (Not SMAa) member Ken Wraight asks Chris Wells a question.
25/02/18	Sunday	The southeast portion of the BBC Sunday Politics Show includes a lengthy interview with Henry Bolton, including a section on TDC and Manston Airport
27/02/18	Tuesday	TDC website shows that Cllrs Suzanne Brimm and Alan Howes have joined the Thanet Independent Councillors group, which therefore will now form the official opposition group to the Conservatives.
28/02/18	Wednesday	Snow report on the BBC One Show from Manston Airport
01/03/18	Thursday	Extraordinary meeting of TDC. The only agenda item is the election of a new Leader. It is rumoured that Cllr Wells and his group have formed an alliance with the 6 Labour Councillors. Most of the outgoing Cabinet, along with most of their UKIP colleagues, did not attend.
15/03/18	Thursday	First meeting of the new Tory TDC Cabinet. Cabinet agreed the nominations to represent TDC on the executive appointed outside bodies for the remaining part of the 2017/18 municipal year.
23/03/18	Friday	Government confirms it will step in after Thanet council failure to produce Local Plan
29/03/18	Thursday	RSP directors sign off all the DCO documentation and it goes to be printed over the Easter long weekend.
03/04/18	Tuesday	RiverOak Strategic Partners confirms breadth of Herne Bay consultation
08/04/18	Sunday	Joint TG/SMAa barbecue at Manston Village Hall.
09/04/18	Monday	RSP DCO application is submitted to PINS for acceptance
10/04/18	Tuesday	Stone Hill Park issue a somewhat limp response

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29/04/18	Sunday	SMAa AGM 2018 After an introduction, speeches from Sir Roger Gale, Tony Freudmann, KNM, WNMA and Sue Girdler.
04/05/18	Thursday	SHP lodge revised plans for the airport site with TDC. Evidently Iain Livingstone doesn't advise anyone of this fact.
08/05/18	Tuesday	RSP withdraw the DCO application, following queries over a few issues from PINS. Short piece on the BBC SE lunchtime news, after which the broadcast media ignore it
10/05/18	Thursday	New SHP planning application OL/TH/18/0660 appears on the planning portal
12/05/18	Saturday	BBC SE evening News carries an item regarding the delay to the DCO.
22/05/18	Tuesday	RSP host a breakfast meeting at the House of Commons, briefing MPs on progress with the DCO application
23/05/18	Wednesday	RSP press release regarding the breakfast meeting sponsored by them at the House of Commons
23/05/18	Wednesday	Department of the Environment publish a report on water shortage in the forthcoming three decades. Report on BBC SE lunchtime news.
05/06/18	Tuesday	Secretary of State for Transport introduces the Airports National Policy Statement regarding new runway capacity and infrastructure at airports in the South East of England . Sir Roger Gale speaks Stement also introduced in the House of Lords. Lord Swinfen asks a Manston-specific question.
10/06/18	Sunday	Joint TG/SMAa barbecue at Manston Village Hall. Speeches by Sir Roger Gale, John Pritchard and David Stevens (deputising for Beau who was on holiday), along with a Q&A session
13/06/18	Wednesday	Letter sent to PINS on behalf of airport supporters, asking them to reconsider their objections to the RSP application on the basis that most of their objections should really be addressed during the Examination phase. 1850 signatures attached to this letter.
26/06/18	Tuesday	SMAa letter published on the PINS website
02/07/18	Monday	Extraordinary meeting of the TDC Cabinet
11/07/18	Wednesday.	A very long and heated Overview & Scrutiny meeting. Agreement on a variation on the “Crawley Option” - the houses that might go on the airport in the absence of the DCO will only be placed on other sites at the end of the building / allocation process, as I understand it - the wording is still to be decided, but the Officers accepted that that was doable. Plus some sort of 2 year deferment was agreed re airport policy. Officers thought the National and Aviation Policies etc were irrelevant. SuMA representative spoke in favour of Option 1 – houses and heritage runway.
16/07/18	Monday	Amended DCO application submitted to PINS Posted on the PINS website on the 17th
18/07/18	Wednesday	Extraordinary Cabinet meeting at 14h00 to discuss publication of Local Plan. Resolved to recommend Option 2 – with amendments – to Council meeting in the evening. Several videos. Cllr Messenger question answered by Tim Howes

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		Full meeting of the Council at 19h00. Vote in favour of Option 2 (with amendments) carried 31:21
29/07/18	Sunday	Joint TG/SMAa barbecue at Manston Village Hall. Speeches by Tony Freudmann,
14/08/18	Tuesday	After an agonisingly long wait throughout the day, the DCO application is accepted for examination
30/08/18	Thursday	Section 56 notice published on PINS website
03/09/18	Monday	Registration and Representation period for DCO application begins
04/09/18	Tuesday	Beau Webber interviewed on KMT
07/09/18	Friday	No Night Flights hold a packed meeting at Chatham House School
10/09/18	Monday	No Night Flights hold a less well attended meeting in Herne Bay Anne-Marie Nixey interviewed by ITV Meridian News. Item appears on both 1800 and 2230 news broadcasts and no opposing view presented.
12/09/18	Wednesday	Following fruitless representations to ITV, SMAa lodge an official complaint.
13/09/18	Thursday	Sir Roger Gale and Beau Webber interviewed by ITV Meridian News. Follow up email sent to the producer with various documents relating to the airport site
18/09/18	Tuesday	RSP announce that they have completed the purchase of the Jentex fuel depot from the Jenkins family.
08/10/18	Monday	RSP registration period at PINS ended at midnight.
31/10/18	Wednesday	Parliamentary briefing by RSP
23/10/18	Tuesday	Inspectors have been appointed by PINs for the Manston DCO examination period.
08/11/18	Thursday	RSP flag now flying over Jentex site
10/11/18	Saturday	Why Not Manston (WNM) AGM at Manston Sports & Social Club. Speakers included speakers Sir Roger Gale and Mr Tony Freudmann, from RiverOak Strategic Partners
25/11/18	Sunday	Joint TG/SMAa barbecue at Manston Village Hall. Lengthy Q&A session with Tony Freudmann
06/12/18	Thursday	At a meeting of the full Thanet District Council, ex-Councillor David Green asks about TDC co-operation with RSP and the DCO application.
11/12/18	Tuesday	Planning Inspectorate issue their Rule 6 letter, setting the date and venue for the Preliminary Meeting
13/12/18	Thursday	At a full meeting of Kent County Council the leader, Cllr Paul Carter submits an updated Brexit Resilience Plan. This still requires Manston to be available as a lorry park, although it makes the rather muddled request to government for “Confirmation that NATS radar at Manston can be turned off.” (Page 7). Paul Messenger spoke up on Manston’s behalf
21/12/18	Friday	PINS publish the agenda for the Preliminary Hearing
09/01/19	Wednesday	Preliminary Meeting held at the Winter Gardens in Margate. Three recordings of this meeting are placed on the PINS

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		website (2 for the morning and 1 for the afternoon). (MORNING ONE, MORNING TWO, AFTERNOON) The Examination starts as soon as the meeting ends.
10/01/19	Thursday	Examination stage commences with two days of public meetings at the Winter Gardens in Margate. Daytime hearings on the 10th were issue specific (MORNING ONE, MORNING TWO, AFTERNOON ONE, AFTERNOON TWO). The evening hearing on the 10th was an Open Hearing.
11/01/19	Friday	Further open hearings on the 11th (MORNING ONE, MORNING TWO, AFTERNOON)
18/01/19	Friday	PINS publish the statutory Examination Timetable and procedure by means of a Rule 8 Letter
25/01/19	Friday	PINS publish the minutes of the Preliminary Meeting, along with a number of “Deadline 1” documents, all of which are available on the PINS website. Amongst them is a Document Tracker from RSP, which provides a guide to RiverOak’s Manston Airport Development Consent Order application and provides details about which document version is the most up to date. SMAa have several submissions published; Beau Webber (1), (2), John Pritchard and David Stevens

AGM	Annual General Meeting
BDB	Bircham Dyson Bell An award winning, top 100 UK law firm with offices in London and Cambridge. Legal advisors to RSP in the DCO application process. Acknowledged experts in the DCO process.
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority.
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CPO	Compulsory Purchase Order. A legal function in the United Kingdom and Ireland that allows certain bodies which need to obtain land or property to do so without the consent of the owner
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government. Superseded by the MHCLG in January 2018
DCO	Development Consent Order. A consent by a Minister for a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) will take the form of a 'development consent order'. This will combine a grant of planning permission with a range of other separate consents, such as listed building consent.
DDC	Dover District Council
HoC	House of Commons
ILS	Instrument Landing System
KCC	Kent County Council
KIACC	Kent International Airport Consultative Committee
KMTV	KentMessenger TV. A local (Kent) online TV service
KNMA	Kent Needs Manston Airport. Another local action group
LBC	London Broadcasting Company
LGA	Local Government Association
LHR	London Heathrow Airport
MHCLG	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Replaced the DCLG in January 2018
MSE	Manston Airport
NIC	National Infrastructure Committee. Provides the government with impartial, expert advice on major long-term infrastructure challenges .
NNF	An action group, based in Herne Bay, opposed to continued aviation operations at Manston Airport
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. Large scale developments (relating to energy, transport, water, or waste) which require a type

	of consent known as “development consent”.
OSP	Overview and Scrutiny Panel. Overview and scrutiny committees (or panels) were established in English and Welsh local authorities by the Local Government Act 2000. They were intended as a counterweight to the new executive structures created by that Act (elected mayors or leaders and cabinets).
PIN	Prior Information Notice. A notice published in the Official Journal of the European Union setting out a contracting authority's purchasing intentions
PINs	Planning Inspectorate. An executive agency of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government with responsibility for determining final outcomes of town planning and enforcement appeals and public examination of local development plans.
PwC	Pricewaterhouse Cooper. A multinational professional services network headquartered in London, United Kingdom. It is the second largest professional services firm in the world, and is one of the Big Four auditors, along with Deloitte, EY and KPMG
RPS	RPS Group plc is a multinational energy resources and environmental consultancy company headquartered in Abingdon, Oxfordshire. It advises clients on the built and natural environment across diverse economic sectors both public and private. Advising RSP as part of the DCO application process.
RSP	RiverOak Strategic Partners
SaR	Search and Rescue
SHP	Stone Hill Park. The present owners of the Manston Airport site.
SMA	Save Manston Airport group. An action group set up by Dan Light when the airport was closed. On 18 th August 2016, Dan and Keith Churcher unilaterally stripped the Management Committee of its social media powers and assumed sole control of the Facebook page. All bar one of the administrators of the site, as well as the moderators who devote so many hours keeping it "clean" were blocked and this was followed by a “cull” of existing members.
SMAa	Save Manston Airport association. Formed after the split from the original SMA. The word “association” is deliberately lower case throughout
SOCC	Statement of Community Consultation. As essential part of the DCO process.
SuMA	Supporters of Manston Airport. Another local action group
TDC	Thanet District Council
TIC	Thanet Independent Councillors. Formed when former UKIP councillors split from the main group in February 2018
TSC	Transport Select Committee – in this document this refers to the Committee of the House of Commons
WNM	Why Not Manston. Another local action group. Originally led by Henry Bolton and latterly by Angie Sutton - Ex RAF ATC and airshow

organiser.