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Subject: Former Manston Airport. Objections to Attempts at Re-establishment.

At present , Dr Jack Bernard Cohen. MGDS LDS RCS Eng. is a Birchington Parish Cllr. Former TDC Independent Cllr .Recent Internal Examiner Royal College of Surgeons England and Clinical Tutor to Final Year Dental Students at Kings College London. Former Chairman of Planning Thanet District Council, Chairman of TDC Local Plan Committee and Member of TDC Negotiating Committee with Riveroak . This TDC committee accepted Senior TDC Officers rejections , to not proceed with or support ,Riveroak's proposals to obtain the former Manston Site to reopen the airport , that were financially UNSOUND and did not fulfill the standards required by a public body such as a District Council.

Recent history of Manston Airport.

The former RAF aerodrome saw several unsuccessful civil attempts to establish viable passenger and air freight use.The airport eventually became redundant to strategic RAF needs and was sold.

For a number of years the Manston Airport was acquired by a property company Wiggins, that attempted to run passenger flights and air freight trade as well as other satellite aviation enterprises but eventually Wiggins went into liquidation.All flight services collapsed and Lydd Airport has expansion plans that may absorb any local needs.

The the former Airport Site was then sold to the owner of Stagecoach who could find no viable airport use for the site and passed future development over to entrepreneurs with a successful history of various enterprises. Their efforts were endorsed by [REDACTED] leader of Kent County Council.Nevertheless, various agitators, some possibly politically inspired have attempted to frustrate future housing and commercial development of the site ,with efforts to reopen the airport as purely an airfreight hub , USA based Riveroak being the main promoter backed by [REDACTED] , Thanet North MP as well as a Save Manston Airport Group strangely largely based in the Medway towns.The Local Labour Party opposed the re-establishments of Manston as an Airport as did local groups concerned with the affect of previous airport noise, pollution and the curtailment on the vital Thanet Tourist Trade.

We now have an ill formed Thanet Local Plan that is inconsiderate to appropriate protection of high quality green land being ruthlessly allocated to housing ,whilst neglecting the brown land opportunity in particular the vast brown land Manston site ,where the developers have already committed a generous area for much needed future housing and commerce . Also in close proximity could be a vast modern rail terminal with a fast link to London.

Manston has had its day of serving and protecting the UK through 2 World Wars. In war we brush aside local needs to save our integrity.The Civil Aviation practices and enterprises have on some 4 occasions resulted in abject misery. It is time to put aside the past and grasp the opportunity of diverse development of the Manston site ,that excitingly heralds prosperity for Thanet.

Signed. Dr Jack Cohen.

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