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Manston airport MUST re-open for aviation for the following reasons:

1. It is a World War 2 airport which supported the "few" in the defence of this United Kingdom. As such it is a site of historical value to current and future generations.
2. It has the second longest runway in the UK which used to allow B52 bombers to take off and land when Manston was used as an American Airbase.
3. It could be used as a hub for international passenger by a Ryanair or Easyjet as well as freight. With the predicted growth of passenger and freight airborne traffic. This would relieve overcrowding over both London Heathrow and Gatwick airports both currently and in the future..
4. Manston airport has supportive infrastructure already in place with the High Speed Train service from nearby Margate, Broadstairs, Ramsgate, Deal and Dover railway stations to and from St.Pancras International in London.
5. Additionally, the duelling of the A299 to and from Manston direct to the M2 motorway would enable passengers easier access to Manston Airport than London airports of Heathrow, Gatwick and Stanstead.
6. Several recently constructed hotels, namely, Holiday Inn at Manston and Travel lodge at Broadstairs and Ramsgate would be considered as supportive infrastructure.
7. The cost of re-opening Manston Airport would be a fraction of the cost of a new airport (Boris Island project !) or indeed additional runways at Heathrow or Gatwick.
Manston is ALREADY IN PLACE NOW and would literally serve the travelling public from Kent, Sussex and Essex.
8. None of the political parties, to varying degrees have "covered themselves in glory" over the handling of this excellent national asset.
9. By opening it to aviation would bring much needed quality careers to this unemployment "Black spot" of East Kent.
10. In conclusion, by using this national asset as a Building Site for Property developers and their political vested interested parties would ride rough shod over the majority of the residents in East Kent who would support the re-opening of Manston Airport to aviation and it's preservation as a site of historical value.

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