

Open Hearing 10th January 2019

My name is David Stevens and I am Vice Chair of Save Manston Airport Association. I am a retired teacher having taught for 34 years in two local Grammar schools. During that time I had many management roles including Head of Junior School, Head of Physics, Head of Science and was part of the Senior Management Team.

SMAa indicated yesterday that Educational Opportunities should be added.

Will be submitting a detailed Written Representation.

BUT highlight a few key points to support this request.

Scope for Local Employment is included as a Principle Issue.

Stated aim of the applicant to employ as many local people as possible. Potential s106 agreement discussed.

Need appropriate **skills** and **qualifications**.

Needs appropriate **training** and **educational opportunities**.

The scope for training has been included in the Principal Issues but not Educational Opportunities.

Schools, Colleges and universities need to provide the appropriate courses.

Engagement between the applicant and local education providers has already begun.

Schools – sometimes hard to motivate pupils, year 11 Physics on a Friday afternoon.

They need to see the relevance to them.

Involves getting the message into schools – benefits of a reopened airport.

Applicant together with Kent Needs Manston Airport and Save Manston Airport Association have started this process.

A reopened and successful airport can help to:

Improve **motivation** and **raise aspirations**.

Increase the uptake of **STEM** subjects. New STEM centre in Thanet school planned.

Enable local schools and colleges to offer new T-levels.

45 and 60 days industry placement. That can be at the airport.

Save Manston Airport Association believe there is real scope within this application to stimulate Educational Opportunities within East Kent and we would ask that it be included as a Principle Issue within Socio-Economic Issues.