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To: Manston Airport
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Sirs,

I wish to write in support of the application to grant the DCO for Manston Airport. This facility has been allowed to go to waste by previous owners and the local authority because various politically motivated Councillors and officers have failed to see the opportunity it presents to our area.

It is well documented that the area covered by the airport is completely unsuited to a large housing conurbation due to, among other things the inability to supply sufficient fresh water and remove waste water.

The water table itself is a major issue.

The Military have concerns, Highways England and Dover District Council are some of the other major consultees who have voiced concerns.

On the plus side the airport offers a chance for real jobs and investment and economic benefit to Thanet and wider afield.

Aviation would offer ancilliary jobs and educational training and development through engagement with local universities not only in terms of study and practice but also a very real opportunity to build a quality tear down facility which would remove and refurbish many aircraft components. Manston Airport could also offer such facilities to other airline operators. The opportunities are almost endless.

Delivery companies and suppliers would also benefit from increased activity.

Tourism would undoubtedly receive a boost as well.

Nationally I believe it would be an opportunity to allow proper investment to provide a serious player in the aviation world.

The UK needs additional capacity and committed service providers.

I know that many of the arguments have been well rehearsed but genuinely believe that many of the protesters are simply not seeing the bigger picture for a bright future for Thanet and the UK as a whole.

I believe that Manston Airport does fulfil the requirements of National Significance.

Yours in anticipation of your kind consideration and approval,
Cllr Rev. Stuart Piper



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