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Hello

Since Spring 2014, I have been campaigning with many others to get Manston Airport reopened as an airport, instead of the housing estate the current owners want to replace it with.

I feel that a housing estate is not necessary as there are plenty of empty properties in Thanet and more empty properties would result in too many vehicles on our roads, and our schools, hospitals and water might not be able to take the strain of the higher number of people living in the area as a result.

I think that if Manston were to reopen as an airport, there would be fewer vehicles on our roads, companies would be able to send and receive cargo to/from our area more easily and it would help maintain Thanet's reputation for tourism.

Air cargo is a very profitable business and we are missing out big time on it: in 2015, the year after Manston Airport closed, the UK missed out on £10 BILLION in air cargo revenue!

I understand people are concerned about plane noise and that they live near Manston Airport. I've heard that modern aircraft are less noisy so their worries are invalid. There are also concerns about "night flights", and claims the airport will run for 24 hours a day nonstop. RiverOak, the company trying to acquire Manston Airport, have promised repeatedly that in their hands, the airport would only be open from 8am-11pm daily, so night flights is not a valid concern.

I feel there is potential for Manston as an airport: we could have passenger and cargo flights, people would not have to drive for hours on end to get to our area, and we could thrive in cargo and passenger flight business.

With unemployment being a problem, I think Manston Airport can help solve this problem, it would allow for plenty of employment opportunities in a wide range of jobs!

Please let Manston reopen as an airport. We have been waiting for 5 years and we feel Manston Airport's resurrection should happen.

Thank you

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