

## Re: DCO for the reopening of Manston Airport, Kent

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I am writing in support of the reopening of Manston Airport and my reasons are:

I moved to Thanet about 30 years ago when there was a thriving port at Ramsgate, the airport was in use by both the military and a freight firm and Pfizer the pharmaceutical company was at Sandwich offering highly skilled jobs. However, the road access was very bad.

Over the years the Port closed down, Manston Airport was sold to the present owners on the understanding it would be kept for aviation and Pfizers closed down with the loss of skilled and unskilled jobs, however in the meantime the road access was greatly improved.

Now there is an opportunity with River Oak to reopen Manston mainly as a cargo hub with some passenger services and lots of ancillary jobs. I think it should be grasped with both hands.

It will bring much needed skilled and unskilled jobs to the area and make Thanet thrive again.

It will also give more cargo space which I believe is at a premium, will provide an emergency facility for Gatwick and Heathrow and the military and will stop so much freight coming in through Dover.

There is also the problem with the land at Manston being used for housing/leisure facilities as, I believe, the present owners wish to. Firstly, the aquifers for Thanet are under the land and there is the possible threat to the water supply, secondly there is a lot of contamination of the land from the military use and thirdly Thanet could not cope with the influx of traffic, people, and infrastructure these houses would need being surrounded on three sides by sea.

I do hope you look favourably in this application by River Oak as I sincerely believe it would be the best thing to happen to Thanet. It would enable our youngsters to stay here and people to have stable employment.

Regards,