

Mr Paul Anthony Dunk

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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for agreeing to look at the DCO for Manston Airport and I believe Manston Airport is a bespoke National Aviation Asset that can provide the viable capacity if it expanded its few aprons to thirteen or more, offering reliable capacity for cargo carriers that currently operate over in Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam, this hasn't been done in the past with its previous owners.

TG Aviation who were based at Manston for many should be offered to come back to Manston because their business plan was very successful. It was founded by Ted Girdler an ex RAF officer and Red Arrows Pilot. They are passionate about flying training and have trained thousands of successful pilots, some leading onto careers as RAF Officers (Pilots) and four of them went on to become Red Arrows Pilots, the later being Mike Ling (trained by Ted Girdler) whom my son met many times from 2008. Mike gave my son the ambition to become an RAF officer, my son took Mikes advice, and achieved excellent A Star GSCE results at [REDACTED], leading onto the acceptance at [REDACTED] and achieved A Level Grades in Mathematics and Physics in 2018 and is soon to apply as an RAF Officer at Cranwell, where Mike Ling started his RAF career.

If Riveroak has its portfolio of Cargo Carriers and Aviation Sectors to provide profitable capacity and deliver respected and professional careers to Thanet along with the South East, tapping into related industries; inclusive of educational apprenticeships, colleges and Universities this will bring the needed jobs rather than the houses that us people in Thanet do not want, because the existing road structure from Westwood Cross to Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate is at gridlock with commuter, local and tourist traffic. Thanet is surrounded by the majority of sea within in its central location from Manston, there are only three major roads connecting Thanet via the A299 and A28 and A256, these are from the South West and South East, the remainder of the compass leads into coastline. The bottleneck of traffic from cars from the proposed thousands of more houses would populate a major traffic bottleneck of congestion.

Having moved to Thanet with my wife and two sons in 2007 I've witnessed the Airport close, the Ferry Port Close and the housing has increased at an astonishing rate, arable farmland sold to Housing Developers, the need for an Airport is now stronger with the proposed Brexit and the UK has an opportunity to export its goods be it manufactured or farmed. I work in the Fruit Industry as a Health & Safety Officer, it would be nice to see UK fruit flown out to the USA and China and other Nationals.

Thanet District Council and Kent County Council need to look at Manston Airport with the aid of the DCO because this National Asset will offer the future younger generations of Thanet whom have done well in education the opportunity to remain in Thanet, currently my son is at Brighton University in his second year and is on track to achieve a first in Digital Film, he like many others will have to move away from Thanet to fulfil their niche in their professional careers. Because Manston is only 41.7 miles from Maidstone, it's also in commuting distance for the wider area.

There is also a shortage of Commercial Jet Airline Pilots, training as a Pilot is optional to the privileged few because the cost is estimated at £120,000 (2017 figures), if the local Universities offered training programs amongst its curriculum, it would be the first step in sourcing new pilots before the shortage of pilots becomes a Health & Safety breach waiting to happen.

Yours sincerely

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