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To whom it may concern.

Manston Airport is an important and historic national asset, which should not be allowed to disappear underneath a housing estate, or indeed a lorry park!

Having one of our longest runways means that, for the last five years, the country has lost a very valuable resource and this should be rectified as soon as possible.

Having spent years and £millions discussing whether an extra runway should be at Heathrow or Gatwick they should, and still could move a large amount of cargo flights to Manston freeing up valuable airspace and runway slots there. Not to mention air quality issues.

This would take the pressure off LHR and LGW whilst they considered the merits of, and in fact whether, to build an extra runway

Global air freight is increasing and Manston is already well placed to take advantage of this. Having large areas of unbuilt land within the site would mean any expansion to accommodate this would be very easy to achieve. And having dual carriageway links to London and the M25 already in place means a return to being a cargo hub could be fast, economical and indeed profitable.

Being so close to the coast would also benefit the community as take off and landings can be routed over the sea where possible, reducing noise pollution problems, which cannot be said for the current or future expansions at LHR and LGW. It would also re-instate an effective, large emergency runway for any aircraft in trouble.

An active and busy airport would be a major boost to the local economy, providing a lot of long term local employment, not short term building work on houses where building trades are often brought in from all over the country.

Also I'm sure that the highly important aviation fire training school would not be able to continue fire exercises so close to a large housing estate, and would therefore be lost.

Encouraging General Aviation to return to Manston is another facility which we have missed, and could easily increase the usage of the airport and could accommodate both light aircraft and business flights with High Speed rail links to London making Manston a very attractive prospect for travellers.

Whilst it proved difficult to get passenger carriers to set up at Manston, KLM showed that it was possible and with the proposals put forward by Riveroak, I believe that Manston Airport would be a successful and important addition to the country's aviation needs

Kind regards,
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