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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to register my support for the airport at Manston to be returned to aviation. I am very anxious that the Development Consent Order applied for by River Oak Strategic Partners should succeed.

Thanet has struggled to attract modern business. There are few and interesting and challenging careers for people in Thanet, especially the young.

It is well known that good transport infrastructure including aviation, boosts local economies. It would be tragic if Thanet lost its local airport which is also a national asset.

My own children have left for London simply because London is where you need to be for an interesting job, whereas, lovely though it is, Thanet is one of those left behind places in spite of the veneer of an arts scene, and the Turner Contemporary, grateful though we are for the building itself.

What Thanet needs is something to bring businesses here, and businesses need to fly. The airport for Cargo is a start and will ensure the airport is saved for other services especially in the light of Brexit. No modern businesses will locate here, simply because of the difficulty of getting to the London airports due to the heavy congestion on the M25. At the same time, the motorway to Thanet is fast as soon as one leaves the M25 road system around London

My husband is due to fly to the USA in a weeks time. He travels with very heavy luggage and so needs to go by taxi to Heathrow. He leaves very early in the morning because of the motorway congestion. Four years ago he was able to fly from Manston to the USA via Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam.

I have read the letter from KLM who were furious when the rug was pulled out from under them. Their service was popular and a lot of money had been invested in it.

Yours Sincerely  
Margaret Cheek

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