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Dear sir/madam

I have been asked to send in an email in support of reopening Manston airport, so I am very happy to do this.

As a resident of Ramsgate I think that the airport is a very important asset to the whole of Thanet, and has very good prospects for the local economy and good quality jobs, which the area badly needs. I live on the Neathercourt Estate in Ramsgate, which is directly under the flight path, and aircraft on the approach to runway 28 would pass over my house at roughly 400ft. I have lived in my current house for about 22 years, so I have witnessed many aircraft movements from Manston over the years, and they have never been an issue or a problem. As you are aware, there are a very organized group of anti airport campaigners, who unfortunately have formed groups in certain areas of Ramsgate including the Neathercourt Estate. These people claim to speak on behalf of residents, and I would just like to take this opportunity to state that they do not speak on behalf of all, if any residents of this part of Ramsgate.

As well as being a resident of Ramsgate, I am also a qualified pilot. I completed my flight training at TG Aviation, some years ago, and got to know many of the airport employees quite well over the years. The flight training and education that TG offered was second to none, and they had and still do have an excellent reputation for flight training, with many of their success stories, becoming military pilots, including Red Arrow pilots. TG also offered excellent aircraft maintenance and controlled most of the general light aviation services that Manston offered. I'm sure there are many people in the aviation community, that can vouch for the excellent service that TG have provided to Manston airport. As for the larger aircraft movements and maintenance since the RAF left Manston. I'm quite sure that the companies involved have contributed to the economy of Thanet over the years prior to 2014, when Ann Gloag shut down the airport.

With the investment planned by Riveroak, I have no doubt that the airport could be a major asset to the local economy, and as for the environmental problems, which have suddenly been pushed to the forefront of the argument. They haven't been a major problem for the 100 years + of the airports activities, so I can't see that there would be any problems for its future.

Apologies for any errors in my email, as I have written this on a phone, in a bit of a run.

Yours faithfully  
Robin Laurence.

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