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My name is Marcus J. Russell, of [REDACTED].

I support the Manston Airport DCO application by RSP.

The Isle of Thanet is one of the most deprived areas in England, with very little permanent job opportunities for young semi-skilled and unskilled people. Most young people, like my own x2 children, are forced to leave the area looking for work.

The re-opening of Manston Airport will provide the opportunity for new job opportunities and apprenticeships, both within the Airport and the undoubted related spin-off business which will follow.

An example would be the sympathetic demolition of unwanted aircraft, which can only be done by a licensed operator. They would be able to train local apprentices in this work. This would include the removal of the depleted uranium fitted to the aircraft's tails. Manston Airport is one of only three Airfields licensed for aircraft demolition in England. The others are at Kemble near Cirencester, Gloucestershire and Bruntingthorpe near Harborough, Leicestershire.

The other important spin-off would be in education. We have several excellent universities in the area and they are interested in creating flying related courses. Obviously these are potentially very numerous, but would include training aircrew pilots, engineering, cabin crew, ground handling, air traffic control etc.

I believe the Airport would also support the various Schools of English which bring foreign students to Thanet and support the Thanet economy. These students could be flown directly into Manston. The Broadstairs based Kingsgate College is owned by a Japanese company who fly in students. They were planning to fly them into Manston when it closed.

Finally, there were plans by a Southend Airport based company who spray aircraft, to open a new painting operation at Manston of large wide-bodied aircraft. They wanted Manston because Southend is too small for this size of aircraft. Operations like this will require new operatives including training apprentices who can be recruited locally.

So, to sum up, the potential for Thanet to prosper in the future can only come from opening Manston as a big Airport. Remember, at Crawley beside Gatwick Airport there is Zero Unemployment.

Yours sincerely, Marcus Russell

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