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Dear sirs,

As a resident of Thanet, living within sight of Manston Airport, I would like to add a few points, and answer some comments in response to those submitted by others.

I had a career in public service, mostly in Thanet, and as such have seen the changes to the area in recent decades, mostly decline, so too the changes to the demographics, that could also be described as declining in the abilities to many newer residents to be in any position to add anything beneficial to the area, .

Many were relocated from around the country in what was described as "Costa Del Dole", when so many of the local hoteliers and B&B owners opted to change the use of their premises....We also had a large influx of Children in Care from outside Kent..This is still an ongoing situation, which causes many problems for Health, Education , Police, and Social Services..

Much of the inherent local problems stem from lack of employment opportunities.

There are those who extol the virtues of the "Cafe Culture" and the Tourist Industry.

Sadly those are not areas that command salaries beyond the minimum wage..in fact many are on Zero Hour, and Seasonal Contracts.... Not a very aspirational situation.

Much also is weather dependant....

Much has been said about noise and pollution associated with an Airport.

A lot has been grossly exaggerated!....I have worked under the Manston Flight Path, in Ramsgate town and around the Harbour....Yes of course Aircraft flew overhead, for a very short period of time....Yes there was associated noise, but Not as claimed by some....Military Aircraft are far more noisy than Civilian 'Planes.....

I have, as many others too have, witnessed incoming Aircraft approach Ramsgate from over the sea..I saw the people, be they Local or Tourist crane their necks to observe the aeroplanes overhead....I never heard any complaints..

We have now an Application to see Manston reinstated and vastly improved, by RiverOak Strategic Partners, primarily as a freight Hub ...

I worked at Manston prior to its closure , involved with freight.

We had air and road freight from various places in the UK and across Europe, including Malta, being brought to Manston and there consolidated and repalleted for onward Air Freight to the Middle East...This was very high value Cargo, and security was paramount, which was one of the many reasons that Manston was chosen.

Through that experience I observed first hand the potential of of Manston, it was very under utilised, the potential was there, and still is.

Having closely examined the plans of RSP for the upgrading of the Airport, with the proposed Stands and Hangerage , I can envisage a thriving and prosperous future.

Scaremongering in regards to dirty, noisy 24/7 cargo flights is simply that...Scaremongering.

Modern aircraft are much more efficient and quiet than they were, less polluting too..

Emphasis is on efficiency which impinges on profitability....

Some are stating that Night Flights will be disturbing the peace and tranquility of the area....with Aircraft overhead constantly....That too is a nonsense...The proposed operational hours are between 07:00 and 23:00, with 17, 000 annual movements, which equates to one movement every 20 minutes approximately, during opening hours....An Aircraft approaching from the east, is only over the town for a matter of seconds....

Some too have been making alarming claims about particulate pollution...Aircraft fuel is much less of a pollutant than heavy oil. The position of the Airport is a factor that helps alleviate that too, being at the highest point on Thanet, it has wind effect to dissipate exhaust gasses..proximity to the sea on two sides of the triangle also assists .The location of the Airport also sees it suffer less from fog than many other airports.

The proposed Apprenticeships, and other training opportunities that will be created will change, for the better the aspirations of so many local people, particularly the young....There will be a huge range of jobs to be filled, many very well paid .

This is an opportunity for Thanet that must not be lost....

Can anyone locally really want to see such a catalyst for regeneration wasted..?

The alternatives are simply wrong....

Thanet is an acknowledged area of deprivation, we cannot attract senior professionals for the Public Services....The malaise and despair to be seen on so many underachieving youngsters is tangible...

I really believe that Manston with the RSP Plans brought to fruition could radically alter the mindset of so many people, giving them decent wages and escape from the trap of a lifetime of existing on Benefits.

There is much more I could relate, but, I hope that others too will add to my observations and help you reach a

decision that will see Manston restored as a fully functioning Airport..
Thank you.
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