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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I wish to express my support and that of our whole family for the re-opening of Manston Airport . Some people have written long submissions with supporting evidence and documents which you will see repeated . I wish to simply state that we want to see the Airport revived after its closure several years ago. It was a travesty to have it closed the way it was and the loss of not just jobs but the loss of potential for growth and prosperity was a big blow to Thanet and East Kent.

Thanet is an area of deprivation yet more people are migrating here and making it their home . So the population is growing yet infrastructure, jobs and education aren't keeping up.

The main employment is in tourism, which is seasonal and generally on zero hours contracts, low skilled and for low aspirations. There are retail jobs as well but not much else.

The benefits of the RSP plans are that there will be not just skilled and professional jobs at Manston Airport but also training for people who want to have a career . Training is vital for a place like Thanet and will give young people here a clear career path from the time they're still at school . They'll be helping themselves and contributing to upgrading this depressed part of Kent rather than finding a way to leave once they've finished school.

With increases in freight traffic it makes sense to have an airport here to assist in moving goods around . We are always hearing about congestion at other airports in the south of England yet we have a big runway ready and waiting to play it's part .

The same with passenger services which are overstretched at all airports around London .

It's a no brainer to me and many others that a thriving airport in this location would relieve the pressure both for freight and passenger carriers.

The economic benefits are indisputable, with Airport employees wanting to live nearby, as is the case at Gatwick and Heathrow . Local shops and other businesses would reap the benefits of customers who have reasonably well paid jobs and money to spend locally.

House prices, far from being badly affected would most likely rise as is the case around Gatwick and Heathrow .

Larger businesses may be keen to establish themselves in Thanet because the airport will be an asset for them .

When the airport closed a couple relocated because they needed an airport nearby for their business needs.

We remember flying from Manston on holiday and the convenience and ease was a joy compared to the long and often stressful trip to Gatwick or Heathrow . Bringing even a small number of passenger flights would ease pressure on local people and other airports.

Finally ,the thought of thousands of houses across Manston is too awful to consider . The damage to Thanet from social and environmental aspects would be irreparable due to the sheer number of people and their vehicles . Our infrastructure simply won't cope and is on the edge already .

The airport is Thanet's last and only hope to stop it descending into a totally urbanised, polluted and deprived mess .

It takes living here for a long time to understand what is special about the place, see how it's changed over our 20 years here and to see where it's going . The signs are worrying . Yes, the skies are quiet over Thanet but so is business . A 'cafe culture' does not bring prosperity, development and security.

Manston Airport in the hands of the right people could turn everything around and bring prosperity to the region. Much needed and deserved prosperity with a good future for the young who want to stay here.

I realise that my submission is brief but it's nonetheless sincere and definite in its support.

Yours sincerely,
Louise Hynes and family

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