

1. Additional net benefits of Manston Airport to Thanet and East Kent
Manston Airport re-opening will provide a range of benefits to the people of East Kent and Thanet, including easier and less costly National and International travel, and almost certainly access to better health care as the combined wealth of the district rises due to the much higher investment and pay. The possible down sides such as a slight increase in traffic will be negligible compared to the corresponding traffic that would be generated by houses on Manston Airport.
 - a) Estimates of significance of RSP funding to local healthcare.
 - b) 2019-01-11 - Examination - Longer life expectancy near major Airports in the South East.
 - c) Money saved on every plane trip, with a local airport.
 - d) Working days saved on every plane trip, with a local airport.
 - e) 2019-01-11 - Examination - Limited airport cargo HGV traffic.

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In my submission to PINS I said it had cost me thousands of pounds since Manston closed in extra travel cost and time travelling to different airports instead of flying from my local airport. I have just actually calculated the total cost and I arrive at £12,500 over the four years since it closed. I think that is conservative as I reckon I missed some flights.

The point is if it cost just me, a one man business, that kind of money, what did it cost East Kent for all its businesses that were forced to travel from other airports? What about all the families that had to fly for their holidays from other places? I rather suspect the cost to the local economy runs into millions!

Travelling via Manston Airport rather than Heathrow saves 2 working days and hundreds of pounds in additional expenses, and often a hotel room, per business trip, a significant expense for a micro-SME, multiple times per year. Lab-Tools has used Manston Airport to fly nationally (i.e. Edinburgh) and internationally (i.e. Washington DC), with the luggage being checked through.