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Dear Sirs,

I'm grateful to have the opportunity to express my support for the re-opening of Manston Airport . We have lived in Ramsgate and Margate for the last twenty years and have grown to love the area. We'd be pleased to see Thanet thrive so that poverty, crime and deprivation are reduced rather than increasing as they are now.

Manston Airport is a clear opportunity to improve the fortunes of this corner of Kent. Jobs, training and education related to the airport are a factor which should not be ignored, particularly here where aspirations are low and serious opportunities scarce.

As a Chartered Water Engineer, the spectre of more than 4000 houses on the site is a worrying one. A high proportion of the water we use in Thanet is already imported from out of Thanet, the sewage works built in the 90s is running to capacity . Thanet has little water so building thousands of houses seems to be at best unrealistic.

The expense, work and time, not to mention disruption which will be inevitable should water and sewage services need rebuilding/upgrading will be very considerable.

The airport will require little in the way of these services and hence there will be fewer stresses on local towns and TDC.

The road infrastructure is there to take cars and lorries right to the airport without having to disturb residents in Ramsgate or the villages. Railways services can be provided close to the airport as already proposed recently.

Far from being out on a limb, Manston is in a good location for an Airport , it was chosen as an airport site originally because of its favourable location. It is close to both Europe, London and beyond.

We lived in several houses which were under the flightpath in Ramsgate and our children were educated at Clarendon Grammar School. There were some very loud, old planes which would fly overhead but hardly so disruptive that they affected our lives. This was more than a decade ago.

Today's planes are far quieter and less polluting, so there is no comparison.

Pollution from the residents of 4000 houses at Manston plus approximately 6000 extra cars will create a far greater impact locally . The strain on water, sewage treatment and roads and other services from so many thousands will be very serious.

The choice is clear and a working freight and passenger airport at Manston will deliver the jobs, economic benefits and opportunities which a 'new town ' on the site will not .

Sincerely,
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