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The British Government has a unique opportunity to facilitate the development of Manston as an air freight hub airport in the South East at a time when all the existing airports in the region are running short of capacity. Moreover this can be achieved at minimal cost to the Public Purse. Taking a meaningful proportion of the current freight traffic out of Heathrow and Gatwick will free up flight slots and so maximise those existing airports ability to expand passenger volumes, and retain their international passenger hub status.=20

Other Governments the other side of the English Channel are investing heavily in local airports to boost overall long term capacity for handling both freight and passengers, but they do not have the same land constraints to contend with as does the UK in the South East with such a concentration of population in situ. They have recognised the need to reduce freight movements from their roads and recognise that cross channel ferries can be a mercy of labour disputes or severe weather, all of which potentially impede timely deliveries. The current Brexit discussions have highlighted the trading risks and exposure to the UK of having far too much of its freight eggs in one specific basket, namely the port of Dover. Manston should be part of the Britain=E2=80=99s solution to this risky imbalance.=20

Reviving Manston Airport is unique in that the core runway already exists, as do good road links, as does an ever improving fast rail link to London, and critically, there is no battle to be fought with the local population, where by far the majority are in favour of this project, and want to Manston Airport revived in the manner being proposed.=20

The revival of the airport will materially enhance employment prospects in a corner of Kent where unemployment rates are way above the norm. There will be spin off businesses created to service the airport needs. These factors add to the other arguments in favour of Manston=E2=80=99s revival. If this opportunity is not grasped now, no similar option for a largely freight orientated airport in the South East will remain feasible in the future.=20

The arguments in favour are compelling and should be acted upon accordingly.=20

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