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To: Manston Airport
Subject: Dear Sirs

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Thanet and the surrounding area of East Kent has been a deprived area for at least all of my lifetime (67 years), with high unemployment, poor literacy rates, educational standards etc. The proposed redevelopment of Manston Airport by RSP has the potential to rejuvenate this whole area and its people.

I realise that there are other deprived areas worthy of investment too, but what makes Manston unique is the existence of its special long, wide runway which can take most large cargo and passenger airplanes. This asset qualifies Manston as a NSIP which will attract talent, high tech companies, freight forwarders etc to set up shop in the area.

Also, the Thanet people had always had an airport and they are used to any disruption which until recently was habitual, and they hardly noticed the noise. The creation of a wide diversity of jobs will dominate the thoughts of the majority of Thanet residents, young and old, embracing unskilled and skilled manual, trades, engineering, cabin staff, pilots etc, as well as all the ancillary support jobs that go with it. The proposed training of these skills from our local colleges will also be a great boost, and will give great hope to our young people at last.

I wish to attend on 18<sup>th</sup> March but do not want to speak publicly.

Yours sincerely

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