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Subject: Re: RiverOak DCO Manston Airport
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Hello

Could the following article published today be used as further evidence as to why Manston Airport re-opening is so important for us local people not just here in Thanet but all of Kent

Many thanks

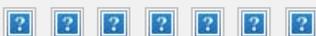
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Dole queues lengthened by more than 1,700 people in the last month across Kent the latest figures reveal.

The amount of people claiming unemployment across the county is 26,900, according to the Office for National Statistics.

That means people either claiming jobseeker's allowance or universal credit in February has increased by 1,720.



There are more than 1,700 more people claiming benefits

[In December the number of people claiming in Kent was 24,225](#), but in January that rose to **[25,180 which was revised down from 25,340](#)**.

However, figures for February reveal 1,720 more people in the county are now claiming the benefits than they were last month.

Medway has the highest rise in claimants with 250 more people aged over 16 claiming benefits in February than they were in January.

The second highest increase was Thanet with 220 more people aged 16 and over signing on at the job centre.

Across the county, people aged 25 to 49 made up the majority of the overall rise, with 915 more claiming the benefits.

At total of 370 more people aged above 50 also started claims.



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In the last year, since February 2018, more than 6,450 more people started claiming benefits because they are unemployed.

It comes as the government's controversial universal credit system came into full force across Kent in December, however, the Department of Work and Pensions, (DWP) is still moving all remaining existing benefit claimants to the universal credit full service and this work only started in January.

Under universal credit a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under jobseeker's allowance.



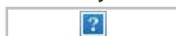
The Department for Work and Pensions is responsible for Universal Credit (7903566)

Cllr Jane Chitty, Medway Council's head of planning, economic growth and regulation, said: "We're working closely with local businesses and the four universities in Medway to create more job opportunities and a skilled workforce.

"Innovation Park Medway is set to become our flagship business hub and is expected to create hundreds of new jobs.

"The site at Rochester Airport will become a magnet for high value technology, engineering, manufacturing and knowledge intensive businesses which will employ skilled workers.

"Medway's economy continues to grow and has strengthened to £5.17 billion.



Cllr Jane Chitty

"There are now more than 14,000 businesses in Medway providing a variety of opportunities for local people.

"In addition to the courses offered by the universities and colleges, our own Medway Adult Education centres offer people the opportunity to gain qualifications to help their career prospects.

"The Employ Medway Advice Centre in Chatham also provides employment advice and support to residents.

"Between August 2009 and September 2018, Employ Medway supported 2,150 long-term unemployed residents find work.

"The Work Programme alone has resulted in 15,946 months' reduction in benefit payments with an estimated saving of £9.5 million.

"We would encourage residents who are looking for work to contact the centre or visit Job Centre Plus in Chatham for advice on the opportunities available to them."

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Subject: Re: RiverOak DCO Manston Airport

Hello Manston Airport Case team

Yes, I would like to submit my oral representation in writing, as due to work commitments and pre-booked appointments of which I cannot re appoint, I am unable to attend these hearings regarding Manston Airport and the RiverOak application for a DCO.

Many thanks

Mr Mike Jackson

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Dear Mr Jackson

Thank you for your email.

Please note that under [s96 of the Planning Act 2008](#), persons can submit their oral representation in writing if they're unable to attend the hearing. Please advise me if you wish for me to use your email below as your oral representation in writing under s96.

Kind regards

Manston Airport Case team

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Dear Sirs

Due to work commitments I am unable to attend any of the up and coming hearings.

Further to my previous submissions of support of RiverOak proposed Development Consent Order of Manston Airport.

I outlined several reasons why Thanet and East Kent need an operational airport at the Manston Airport site:

- High unemployment in ages 18-55 years and above throughout Thanet & East Kent.
- High unemployment in school leaver's who have been attaining good high level qualifications every year.
- Lack of full time employment.
- Occasional seasonal work for the few, with many job fairs always oversubscribed.
- High skills drain from Thanet & East Kent due to a lack of opportunities in such fields as Science, Engineering, Computing, Leisure and many more industries.
- A demoralised youth with no prospects of employment in the semi to non skilled areas of work that a fully functioning Manston Airport would provide.

There are also many advantages Nationally to a fully functioning Manston Airport, with cargo inbound and export would alleviate the road and rail network nationally as well as take away the burden put on other airports throughout the United Kingdom to have imported goods in the bellies of aeroplanes, then the logistics of getting the goods to their destinations, which is sometimes a gamble to get them to the destination fresh before they perish.

Brexit has also provided Manston Airport as a vital alternative route to the UK market place throughout the world, opening markets that previously were not open to the United Kingdom; perishable good can be transported to Manston Airport and sent on their way at speeds that could not be rivalled by any other airports.

There are plenty of importers frustrated at the times they have been unable to get their product to the market place fresh dues to many delays they have faced at other airports the United Kingdom since the closure of Manston Airport where they were once profitably based.

Inward investment to Thanet and East Kent form the United Kingdom, Europe and the rest of the world would also benefit the area, as Manston Airport expands, local employment would benefit, as new opportunities and employment in non-semi skilled employment to highly skilled employment would increase, which would help stem the brain drain we currently are experiencing.

Thanet has always been attractive to those wishing to retire here due to the low housing costs the area has compared to the rest of the country; you get more for your money in Thanet than what you would get in say, London or the suburbs.

The vast majority of those against Manston Airport re-opening are mainly these groups of people, who have moved to the Thanet area recently and who were not aware that Thanet had an airport, and they make no secret of this point, had they know an airport existed they would have thought twice about purchasing their homes.

These people have no attachments to the area of Thanet or East Kent apart from buying a property that may or may not be in a flight path. This is a, not in my back yard attitude thankfully which is in a minority in Thanet and East Kent, as many surveys produced over the past few years since Manston Airport, held in local newspapers, the internet on various platforms and by broadcasters regionally, have again and again shown, local people in vast numbers throughout Thanet and East Kent (further) want a fully functioning Manston Airport, it has always been

the jewel in the crown of Thanet which is why it is so highly regarded locally and it is a National treasure, one which the nation can be proud of in the future and be less of as a nation if it is lost to a heartless housing estate.

Many Thanks

Mike Jackson

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