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APPLICATION IN SUPPORT OF THE REOPENING OF MANSTON AIRPORT

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I am going to precis this down into points – rather than a long winded report.

1. No infrastructure, no schools, no hospitals, the current hospital QEQM is grossly overloaded, it cannot cope with the current population, I dread to think of any more people draining its resources even more. The Stroke Unit is currently due to be moved. My father has just died at the hospital, nursing care – a joke mainly because they are overworked and overloaded. More people depleting it – disastrous.
2. Brexit, with the chaos surrounding Brexit, it would be foolhardy to close a strategically placed airport. The population is rising dramatically, we need Manston for Cargo; Heathrow cannot cope with cargo, Gatwick doesn't want it – it is senseless not to use Manston – we have good road links to London and with an impending new station to be built – it is nonsensical to dismiss it. Being extremely selfish here, to fly from Manson to Schiphol airport in Holland was pure joy. Twenty minutes to the airport – more or less straight on board, in Schiphol in less than half an hour, then onwards to New York or Hong Kong. For me to go to Gatwick/Heathrow, I have to leave the day BEFORE, to make sure I do not miss my flight. It costs me a nights accommodation, plus parking and a loss of thirty hours. KLM did a fantastic service and as I understand it – did not want to leave as they were expanding. This service would be very welcomed again, and I believe Thanet could revive its tourist industry.
3. Thanet is overpopulated. We have the worse unemployment record, opening up Manston would create long term jobs, apprenticeships etc.
4. I live in Ramsgate. When I go to Margate, it is quicker for me to get a train for one stop than to drive? How ridiculous is that? A distance of five miles? I get caught up in major congestion at Westwood Cross, all traffic has to go through Westwood Cross, more housing at Manston would create in my view an absolutely gridlocked situation.
5. We have very few leisure facilities, most have been closed, we have only two council run swimming pools/gyms – grossly oversubscribed difficult to get into any classes - it beggars belief even to consider any more housing.
6. Thanet Council is appalling, the residents at the moment pick up all the volunteering jobs

i.e litter picking, looking after the gardens, painting the shelters, with all these so called new estate build housing - would I trust the Council to look after anything – not on your life.

7. I was brought up with Manston in my back garden – it has served this country well especially in the WWII, there is toxic waste, buried under the airport maybe unexploded bombs, and human remains. Have we no thanks or acknowledgement to the role this and the wonderful men historically played in the fighting for the UK?
8. If Manston and RiverOak fail – I will be the first one to the Estate Agents, thousands of people influxing Thanet – no facilities – no thank you – I am off.

I wish RiverOak all the best – we need them, if they or Manston fails – I would hate to be a young person growing up in Thanet – I can say I have seen the best of Thanet up to the 1980's it was the most wonderful place to live, a thriving airport/hover port/shipping port/ tourist industry – now nothing just a shambles of a place.

Yours faithfully

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Sirs

As an attachment to my previous letter to you - please note the following:

I went to the doctors yesterday and asked for an urgent appointment- I was told:

‘The first available appointment is the 23rd April - when I questioned this I was told ‘Thanet cannot get Locums, no one wants to work here - we have a crisis here’

This is very important point - nor can I understand all the people who complain about ‘noise over the children’s school’ it’s a pity they don’t think about it when they jet off on their holidays over Gatwick and Heathrow.

Please include this on my letter

Thank you

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