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I have lived in Broadstairs, Kent for the past 30 years and therefore have experience of what it was like when Manston Airport was open. My entire family are fully in support of the reopening of the airport (6 adults all living in Broadstairs), for the following reasons and many more not mentioned:-

- * Manston has the longest runway in the country and it would be very stupid to lose this NATIONAL asset forever with the constant increased in air traffic for both freight and passengers.
- * Gatwick and Heathrow are running at capacity when a perfectly good and convenient airport (Manston) is sitting waiting to be recommissioned.
- * The reopening of Manston Airport would bring much needed jobs to an area of high unemployment both at the airport and all the ancilliary businesses that would be required to support the airport.
- * Most local people fully support the reopening of the airport and miss the spectacle of planes flying over the area. They were never a nuisance to those that actually lived here when the airport was operational in the past. I do not think people should be able to object who have not actually lived in the area when the airport was open. In my experience those kicking up a fuss are the sort of people who object to anything and everything and enjoy doing so!
- * There are many derelict properties ripe for renovation and areas of wasteland where new properties could be built if required with absolutely no need to use the Manston Airport land.
- * Jobs before houses! What is the point of building thousands of houses in an area where people cannot afford to buy them, high unemployment, lack of doctors, dentists, school places, water shortages, etc. etc. Common sense should prevail.
- * Thanet needs the airport to be reopened to attract businesses, create job opportunities and training, offer facilities for Sea Rescue and Air Ambulance services, etc.

Reports produced by Stone Hill Park and their associates cannot be taken at face value as the remit was to come to the conclusion that River Oak's plans were not viable. There is a ridiculous amount of money to be made by Ann Gloag and her associates if mass development is granted for the Airport site. There was never any intention by Ann Gloag to invest in the airport and make a success of it. It was always the plan to destroy the airport and build on the land. In my opinion this is also a case of right versus wrong and it is only RIGHT for the airport to reopen and be the success it deserves.

Yours sincerely,

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