

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Manston Airport](#)
Subject: Oppose DCO
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Dear sirs,

I wish to express my very strong opposition to the Manston Airport DCO.

My concerns are considerable but I find it incredible that the law and process have allowed this application to so far reach this stage.

I have found nothing in my own research that paints RSP as a credible company in which to award such a illustrious contract. As I am sure you are aware this area has already been subject to the Seaborn ferries fiasco and I would be very disappointed to see yourselves as government representatives make similar mistakes to that of the Transport Secretary only a couple of miles up the road.

With the Scottish Government announcement that Prestwick airport is to be sold, the applicant for Manston has the prime opportunity to buy a ready made functional airport, and therefore immediately saving hundreds of jobs in a deprived area of Scotland. On the matter of jobs, should RSP be successful, the promise of “local, skilled workers” is an impossibility as Thanet people will not be skilled in the aviation industry due to the many years passing since there was any operation of any significant scope at Manston. If Prestwick was to fail, I assume RSP would be looking to recruit experienced staff from here and relocate them to Manston, thus not creating any new quality jobs for locals.

Furthermore, I would expect a state of the art cargo hub to employ a large degree of automation, so again, employment opportunities are exaggerated.

Finally, again from a government perspective, with the announcement in the last few days that the government are stepping up the fight against climate change, I cannot see how the approval of a 3rd runway at Heathrow plus the reinstatement of Manston fits in with this policy. If the DCO is approved you are effectively giving the green light to disregard government policy and are allowing a significant climate change emergency for the people of Manston, the Isle of Thanet, of east Kent and the whole of south east England. This is not a situation I want for my young children.

I hope common sense will prevail and you reject the DCO at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards

Andrew Hodder

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
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Hi,

Further to my earlier submission please can I draw your attention to this article from today's Guardian.

The Isle of Thanet already has a mental health epidemic with very little support services due to the government reductions. The findings in this article are wholly at odds with this situation when applied to Manston and the Isle of Thanet and surely yet more evidence of why this farcical DCO should not be allowed.

I thank you again for your consideration.

Andrew Hodder

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2019/jun/17/heathrow-planes-over-richmond-park-plan-would-damage-mental-health>