Dear Sirs,

I am a firmly believe that Manston Airport has a place in the future for the UK's Cargo freight & eventually for some passenger services.

I believe that it will take a lot of pressure away from Heathrow & Gatwick, which will free

up more slots for them. A previous Administartion at TDC also thought the same, saying, " **The UKIP Hillingdon page says:**

Our solution is to develop the existing airport at Manston in Kent (Kent International) as a second, complimentary hub to assist Heathrow.

Manston has the second largest runway in the UK, and can already accommodate the largest airliners including the Airbus A380 (Pictured above). Indeed, it is a designated divert airfield for both Heathrow and Gatwick in the event of problems and has a high level of available safety equipment – BA already use it as a training facility for their pilots.

No demolition of houses would need to be undertaken as would be the case with Heathrow expansion, plus the pollution and noise aspects would be minimised by flightpaths that come in over the channel. The local council are in favour of the project as it would bring much needed jobs to the area (Whilst leaving Heathrow to operate in West London and preserve those jobs that already exist for the communities in Hillingdon and Hounslow)

Expansion of Manston would be far less expensive than the alternatives – With the runway already in place (Plus wide enough that side by side landings would be possible at a future date with minor modifications if demand increased drastically), the only major infrastructure upgrades required would be a revamp of the terminal buildings and links to existing road and rail infrastructure.

http://www.ukiphillingdon.com/?page_id=9395"

This quote was taken from Airport watch and can be found here. <u>www.airportwatch.org.uk/2014/04/manston-airport-klm-last-flight-today-and-it-will-not-return/?fbclid=lwAR13blr1tJwCFj5NblH1SkmO8dF37-Wu0ZmLpzzCOz96Wk5DW8J5xxVghNo</u>.

I have also found another interesting article, where a mother who lives near Gatwick, would rather travel to Manston to get to Schipol because of the ease of traffic & parking. You can read the article here https://mumsdotravel.com/2013/09/manston-airport-to-amsterdam-with-klm/?fbclid=lwAR0tgfruOpKUnG-gkwk5qwBlc35Rv4uBhYnt4CjDJJZVkO6JA28dOhQEY7k



I also belive that Manston is the answer for diverted crafts in the South East of England, wether it be for an Emergency or a weather crisis as seen in recent years. I thank you for taking the time to read this. Yours faithfully

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