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Subject: Proposed reopening of Manston Airport
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Sirs,

I am writing to you today to further lend my support to the proposed reopening of Manston Airport for the following reasons:

1. Any housing development on the site will have an extremely detrimental effect on the road system around the area with congestion becoming worse than current levels when it can take in excess of 15 minutes to travel a mile from Westwood cross to my home.
2. With a functioning airport the employment levels within Thanet and Kent in general will increase.
3. The local services including doctors, dentist etc are already at maximum stretch and there in my opinion exists a very real risk that any new residents would be unable to access these services, let alone find school places.

I firmly believe that Manston will be a massive benefit to Thanet, Kent and the wider United Kingdom both as a hub for cargo movements and further on as a passenger airport, the road links from the airport are much improved on what they were when i was a child and visited Manston at weekends to watch planes taking off and landing, with dual carriageway roads for much of the route between Manston and Dover onto the M20 or via the A299 towards the M2 and London. Manston could also again be used for search and rescue flights and potentially as an operating site for air ambulance services both of which would drastically reduce the response times to incidents along the Thanet coastline out towards Dover and Essex.

Having served in the RAF and been based at frontline jet stations i found that after a short while you didn't notice the aircraft noise not even in the early hours of the morning when jets would take off in response to an incursion of UK airspace. With the flightpath for Manston being predominately over the sea i don't feel that the noise footprint will have a significant impact on the levels of sound that are already experienced.

In closing i would ask you to consider the application to reopen Manston airport favourably and in doing so give the residents of Thanet an opportunity for increased employment and prosperity.

Kind Regards
Clive Dunsby

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