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Subject: RE: An extra possible 4 months delay to re-opening Manston Airport -- TR020002
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Susan Anderson Head of Transport Infrastructure Planning,
Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 4DR;

The Planning Inspectorate.

Dear Ms. Anderson, Planning Inspectorate,

I am writing in my personal capacity as a resident of East Kent, who has battled now for 6 years to get Manston Airport re-opened. This 4 extra months may to you not be a long delay, but in a month I will be 72, and my time to use Manston Airport after re-opening is running out. As a pensioner, the extra costs and exhaustion of travelling to distant airports (often including the costs of hotels before and after flights) is significant. Please multiply this by all the other users of flights from Kent.

However the main questions I wish to ask, if you have apparently accepted submissions from a private 2 man company well after the deadline, is why I and all those other people interested in Manston Airport were not immediately informed that it was acceptable to send in further submissions ? And sent copies of their submissions, so as to have a reasonable time to do our research and reply ? Or are we to gather that 5-10-12 have a special relationship with Transport Infrastructure Planning ?

As you may imagine I am both spitting mad, and very disappointed in the Planning Inspectorate and the Infrastructure Planning process, whom I held in high regard for the extremely professional and well-regulated manner in which the six months of the examination had been conducted.

The Committee of the Save Manston Airport association, of which I am Chairman, will be preparing a separate letter, as will my company.

I implore you to please not use up all the 4 months extra time that has been requested, East Kent needs this airport open for the jobs and investment it will bring to a very deprived area. [REDACTED]

Yours,

Dr. Beau Webber

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[1] : <https://www.kentonline.co.uk/maidstone/news/suicides-rise-in-kent-but-help-is-at-hand-211943/>