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Dear Sirs

I would like to draw to the attention of the Secretary of State his recent words regarding HS2, i.e. that “decisions need to be facts based”.

If that is so, in the case of the Manston Airport DCO, may I remind him of his Government’s aim to reduce CO2 emissions? Is it worth wasting what one might call the country’s “emissions budget” on an airport that has **already failed three times**, due mainly to its position. Companies are not prepared to truck goods 60 miles on a congested A2 (which stops far short of the airport) where they meet up with other trucks coming from Dover, even before they join the congested M25.

Other, better positioned, airports are seeking permission for more flights. Manston will have to win business from these other, already successful, better located, airports or from cheaper shipping operators, or it will have to create a vast new business to be viable. In the first instance, there would be no net benefit, merely by moving jobs and infrastructure from one location to another; in the second case, all the aviation emissions created would have to be added to the target the Government will be setting.

Two facts I wish to finish with - **approximately 10,000 children attend 31 schools very close to the airport and the runway is around ONE KILOMETRE from the edge of a town of 40,000 inhabitants.**

Yours faithfully
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