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I am e-mailing to strongly object to the proposal to confer DCO status to Mansion Airport.

Manston had several chances to succeed and failed miserably for sound, market driven reasons. It's in the wrong place for both passenger and freight flights and that simple fact of geography will never change.

The UK has pledge to reduce it's carbon emissions by 2050 anyway so why should an isolated airfield be protected in a community that wants to build carbon neutral future?

If some airfreight capacity must be retained in the next 30 years, the UK's other main regional airports already have the capacity and infrastructure required to bring us closer to our carbon reduction ambitions better (I work in the sector so know about the demand).

So for Mansion to be designated as of National Importance will open this government to as much ridicule as the Seaborne Ferry fiasco did for Ramsgate Port. It is simply an ill considered back up plan (perhaps related to truck parking or housing but hidden behind Manston as an "airport"?)

Thanet had a bright future as a tourist destination and cultural hub. It is so much lovelier without planes overhead ; I've seen it both ways and enjoy my life so much more since Manston closed. Tourism and new resident uplift has been an obvious consequence.

So let's not blight the new positive direction that Thanet is heading in. Keep the skies quiet and blue, the air free from noise, emissions and dumped fuel. Pay Manston the the honourable respect it is due from historic conflicts (like Hendon or Duxford did decades ago) ; go fund the Spitfire Museum instead! But please, do not demote it to becoming the junk freight and aircraft scrapyards some seem keen for it to become.

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