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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the chance to air my feelings regards Manston airport. How Grant Schapps had the audacity to ignore not ONE but FOUR, experienced planning advisors, who all voted against the re-opening of the airport, is considered locally as an act of sheer arrogance and ignorance.

The UK is meant to be having an all-out effort to lower harmful emissions and yet Mr. Schapps appears to be going in the exact opposite direction, which quite frankly beggars belief, does the man have no understanding of government policy?

The idea that Manston airport should reopen, AND be a success is ludicrous, a number of companies have all given assurance that THEY will make a SUCCESS of the airport and they have all ended eating not only very large slices of humble pie but virtually the whole pie.

The position of Manston airport was ideal as a base for Spitfires, especially during World War 2 and the subsequent deployment of USA flight officers in the late 50s and early 60s, however, those days are long since gone. The idea that freight landing at Manston is to be a big success does not take into account the ongoing transport logistics, with an unspecified number of HGVs being used to complete deliveries, that will be spewing out yet more emissions and pollution. Indeed, the position of Manston airport dictates that 85%plus of all future customers will be cod swimming in the English channel, which is the very reason why the airport will never be a success.

In addition to air pollution let us not forget sound pollution, no matter what ROSP says regards the flight paths that they intend to take, human nature will dictate that they take the quickest and most economical take-off and landing route and that the chosen flight path will be directly over Ramsgate's Royal harbour and heavily/densely populated housing, My property and that of my mothers are directly under the landing route and the plains come is so low that there identifying logos are clearly visible from the ground and the windows shake. The noise these plains emit is deafening and taking into account that Ramsgate has been going through a tourism renaissance for some ten years now, and low flying plains would more likely than not destroy this lucrative trade that provides valuable job opportunities and ensures that Ramsgate remains a pleasurable resort, not only to visit and enjoy but also to holiday at,

So for me, it is a big NO to the reopening of Manston airport. NOT wanted and definitely NOT needed.

Kindly yours

Ronny Barsley.