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Dear Manston Airport Case Team

Whilst as a supporter of Manston Airport the necessary delays have been a frustration, the body of evidence to support the use of Manston Airport as a primarily freight Airport has grown existentially during the waiting period.

Brexit, the Green agenda , Suez , Covid and the New Australia Trade deal to name a few.

Britain`s realignment with the European Union and the EU`s growing reticence to accept Britain`s new independent status has shown that an EU trade war is possible and freight landing in Europe can expect to have tariffs on the land /sea import route to the UK. Northern Ireland meddling by the EU clearly shows us what to expect , Britain needs increased and independent airfreight capacity . Manston fulfills this need.

The race to go Green understandably keeps accelerating and most existing Airports are hamstrung by ageing polluting and expensive fossil fueled infrastructure , ANY new Airport must be Green so will need a clean sheet to use Electric vehicles ,low night sky polluting lighting systems to name a couple. Manston fulfills this need.

Our reliance on Container Ships via the Suez Canal was highlighted recently with over 400 Ships waiting with thousands of containers held up , many with vital imports. we need to be independent of such supply chain accidents . Manston fulfills this need.

The scare stories about Brexit could have had an effect on the original deliberations about Manston`s import role . Recent figures show they were just that , scare stories .Even within the Covid restraints UK sold £12.9 Billion of goods to Europe in April 2021 but we sold more to the rest of the World, £13.6 Billion, we also imported more from countries outside the EU as well. (Daily Telegraph Mathew Lynn 12/6/2021 , original source Parliament.uk.ons) This is a dramatic change on the predictions of two years ago and clearly shows a need for a modern 2021 purpose built Airfreight Airport. Manston fulfills this need.

Gatwick and Heathrow have a vested interest in operating a Southern Cartel on freight and may argue that they can fill this need, but the British thirst for travel and budget airlines are just waiting to take both Airports back to 99% capacity with the ensuing requests by both Airports for more runway capacity . Manston fulfills this need.

NO Airport planning application in recent years has had as much LOCAL support as Manston , this area was recently given a multi million pound boost in recognition of the struggle in Thanet to attract job creating industry , A new Green Airport with outside investment waiting for the green light is what we, the people of Thanet desperately want . Manston fulfills that need .

Please factor in "no night flights" (unlike Gatwick and Heathrow), Green Airport (electric vehicles solar and hydrogen power) the large increase in World trade , and for Thanet people JOBS.

Thank you for this chance to include all the changes that have increased the positive case for Manston in the last two momentous years.

Kind regards

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