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Dear Sir or Madam

As a longterm resident and one who remembers the above airport when the RAF were in situ and after, I would like to reiterate my reasons for granting permission for the airport to be privately owned and used initially used by cargo planes.

This is an extremely depressed area badly in need of a source of employment with a high number of manual and low paid workers who could be given work at the airport .

The airport is in a very convenient position being only 22 miles from the main European coast. It was in fact used as a 'emergency' airport for aircraft in distress.

While the British airports are at the moment not working to full capacity due to Covid, this situation will shortly change and all will be again running to more than full capacity, especially where cargo is concerned. It would be most uneconomical to destroy an existing airport with a very long runway etc. only to have to build another from scratch a few years hence.

The residents living near to Manston who do not want the airport up and running again were fully aware that it was there and with the possible potential of reopening.

This country needs more working airports so please let Manston be one of them.

Yours sincerely

Lee H Bates