Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to state that the Manston Airport site should be reopened as a fully operation airfield as set out in Riveroak's plans.

The reopening will bring sustainable jobs and development to an under resourced part of the South East of England. COVID and Brexit have increased the need for a dedicated freight hub.

I moved to Manston in 2004 so made this decision with the full knowledge that I would be living on the periphery of an airport.

In all likelihood my children will need to move away from Thanet to be able to obtain good employment, but the reopening of Manston Airport would make this less likely.

The vast majority of local residents support this reopening, the evidence for this is shown by the many thousands of people belonging to the various support groups verses the relative few that don't wish the airport to reopen. However a great number of the local supporters don't find it easy to clearly express themselves through the written word and I hope you will take this into consideration.

I wish you well and am sanguine that you will reach the decision to support the reopening of what will be one of the world's greenest and most needed airfields.

Your faithfully,

Philip Banks-Francis



