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*Dear Manston Airport Case Review Team,
After reviewing my previous submission I noted a couple of errors which I have rectified in the below submission sent AM on 12th June 2021. Please remove my previous submission and replace with my statement below.*

Many thanks

Mr Martin Sutton

Dear Manston Airport Case Review Team,

I am writing to you to offer my thoughts on having a reopened and operational Manston Airport on my doorstep. I am a former employee (aviation engineering) from the site and worked there from the 1990's until late 2004 when the company I was working as an engineer for (Modern Jet Support Centre Ltd) went into administration. Whilst there I was given the opportunity to train and learn in an arena very close to my heart – aviation. This opportunity has stood me in good stead for my future where I am still currently involved in aviation and many other engineering and technically based industries. I would return to Manston in a heartbeat in a bid to return that experience to others willing to learn and take those valued aviation principles into the future for others to benefit from.

A reopened Manston Airport will bring much needed focus, employment and investment to the local area surrounding the airfield. It will give the younger generation with the same aspirations I had all those years ago the same chance to succeed as I and many others who benefitted from Manston airfield in years gone by. Add this to the growing aviation freight industry and it really seems a no brainer to me that the long runway which Manston provides could provide a very much needed relief to that freight import and export need, especially with the need to do business much farther afield. The growth of Manston is, I feel essential to not only the surrounding Southeast areas but the whole of the UK. Personally, I live under the long western final approach to the airfield and have been very near to it all of my life, this includes when it was used by the military and mainly 'turbojet' powered aircraft. Obviously some 30 years later, thankfully those technologies have been superseded by much quieter, cleaner and more environmentally conscious technology in the form of turbofan and geared turbofan engine technology.

Finally, with Brexit now fully under way and our overseas trade agreements coming in thick and fast we need to develop and retain the aviation infrastructure that we have in order to service and deliver on those agreements for products, and services globally; we need a modernized, focussed and state of the art cargo aviation hub which RSP will offer with their investment in Manston.

I, like many others can only hope that with the investment and faith that RSP have shown in the belief that aviation soon returns to a much loved local and vitally important airfield.

Best regards

Martin

