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For the attention of the Manston Airport Case Team

Regarding the Manston Airport development consent for the upgrade and reopening. I feel it is extremely important that it retains its “aviation use only” status. Thanet is in a unique and advantageous position to become a very significant player in the growing aviation industry nationally, which will obviously be a very important in the rejuvenation of mainly Thanet but also the whole of the SE.

It would be utter madness to lose the gift that we have inherited and that other counties envy.

Now that we have left the EU it is even more important to have cargo and passenger hubs all over the UK! Being in the south, Manston is ideally situated to accommodate the ever increasing imports from worldwide markets! As we’ve seen, channel crossings have historically been anything but reliable and since Brexit have become even more at risk of disruption and delays, which is obviously disastrous for the fresh food and other markets. As for environmental issues, we all know that great strides are being made in developing cleaner quieter, aircraft. Also the majority (all be it the silent majority) of people living in Thanet do *not* object to the reopening of Manston as an airport!

The airport has been here longer than anyone has lived here, most of the time fully functioning! There are a few dissenting voices opposed to the reopening, but these are in the minority and come from people who have not lived here very long, and have selfish reasons for opposing without any consideration for the area’s future development and prosperity!

I urge you to grant the development consent for the upgrade and reopening of Manston Airport for the sake of Thanet and the UK!

Yours sincerely

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