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For the attention of the Manston Airport Case Team

Dear Sir/Madam

In light of the latest request from the Secretary of State for Transport, I would like to add my own thoughts.

1. The country, as a whole, needs the additional capacity, particularly for cargo that Manston can offer. This is even more evident with the situation that has arisen around Covid and the aftermath of Brexit.
2. Since our exit from the European Union, there are more and more opportunities to create transport trade links from around the world. Airfreight is the way forward for this country to show how forward thinking we can be.
3. The need for job opportunities in and around East Kent is of paramount importance given the deprivation that currently exists. The airport development would allow direct and indirect job opportunities that can project this area nationwide.
4. The current construction of a new railway station less than 1 mile from the airport is another bonus for national distribution possibilities.
5. The plan to re-build Manston using the latest green technology for the future operations is the way forward this country needs to progress.

I believe this planning application should be approved at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully
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