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To: Manston Airport

Subject: For the attention of the Manston Airport Case Team

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Sir/Madam

The Isle of Thanet is at the far tip of the East Kent coast. People wishing to travel from there and other parts of Kent and even East Sussex have to travel a long distance to reach an airport (Gatwick).

We need to have somewhere nearer to embark on air travel. Manston Airport is such a place. Until it closed a few years it was an integral part of the local economy and facilitated air travel for passengers wishing to travel to and from East Kent.

It also played a part in the local economy as a freight airport. This provided muchneeded jobs.

With a new railway station and the existing A299 in close proximity to the airport site, now seems a good time to re-open the facility.

This part of the country enjoys a thriving tourist trade as well as numerous language schools. People wishing to travel to East Kent for either of those purposes need to be able to do so easily. We need Manston Airport to help this part of the economy.

East Kent and, in particular Thanet, need Manston reopened. We need the jobs it will bring; we need the freight hub in order to import and export goods from the area; and we need to be able to travel by air to other parts of the world without a time-consuming journey to Gatwick or Heathrow.

In short, we need Manston Airport.

Yours faithfully

Brendan Martin