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For the attention of the Manston Airport Case Team.

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I am not sure if I am duplicating my previous submission but my points are as follows.

I am opposed to flying from the former aerodrome at Manston.

1. No airport has been a success on this site since World War II: if it could have been it would have been.^[L]_[SEP] This is nor surprising since its proximity to the European mainland is offset by its distance from English areas which are served by other airports. If it had not been a military aerodrome, no-one now would think of using this area for commercial flying.
2. Since the pandemic aviation has dramatically decreased and at present there is almost no foreign travel. We do not know how long this will last. In the meantime domestic tourism has increased thus reducing the demand for flights. The only possible use as a passenger airport for a short time was as a spur to Schiphol as hub, but Brexit has put paid to that.
3. CoP26 highlights that we need LESS aviation , not more, in order to protect our planet.^[L]_[SEP] The government is committed to reducing carbonisation by 2030. Aviation contributes a large amount of CO₂ to the biosphere and a local re-opening of an airport would be a direct and public counter to this promise. Cargo flights should be outlawed on that basis alone as they are particularly polluting and bring unnecessary trash into the country.
4. Night flights and toxic fumes¹, have measurable effects on health^[L]_[SEP], both mental and physical. Recent evidence exists to show that contrail cirrus when produced at night greatly increases infra-red heating. I have personal experience of the truly deafening noise of

flights over The Royal Harbour, Ramsgate.

5. there is a small risk of accidents and crashes: during its occupation by the US in the 50s, a military aircraft crashed on St. Peter's^{SEPI}. The local population at risk has greatly increased since then.
 6. the site will be far better developed for mixed use: low-cost dwellings, small industry, leisure , small farming , and a lake to act as a reservoir and feed for the aquifer.
 7. The parallel is West Malling aerodrome where the Inquiry of 1978 (to which I contributed expert advice on noise), produced a definitive result to recommend mixed use, so that the site is now the pleasant village of Kingshill.
- 1 . Air pollution has recently been shown to be toxic