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To: Manston Airport
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For the attention of the Manston Airport case team.

Hello Sir / Madam

I am a supporter of Manston reopening and I am writing to let you know why.

A question was asked what has changed since Brexit and how you feel Manston could help??

Quite simply, during the recent COVID pandemic, I was furloughed from work. I had a lot of time on my hands and was looking for things to do..... I decided to build a man cave in the garden.

Unfortunately couldn't get half of the bits I needed immediately and had to wait weeks to get some parts, as the shop's didn't have them in stock and supplies were not getting into the country quickly enough.

Factories that were making the parts were closed, Airports were closed and lorries were not delivering quickly enough.

At the same time and even today, we had to change our way of shopping and did a lot more food and online shopping.

Food shopping even now, has less items available, because even the bigger shops cannot get the same variety of what it used to get and we are forever seeing messages saying no longer in stock.

High streets were closed down, so a lot of people took to online shopping.

This is a trend that I don't see changing and we are seeing more and more deliveries being delivered to houses rather than people going out for shopping.

This is all well and good as long as we can get goods into the country.

Now I know that Europe is trying to be awkward because of Brexit, but this is opening doors to a lot of other countries, many of whom, will need to fly goods into the country.

I read a recent report that stated Virgin Atlantic had a 60 percent rise in its air cargo traffic. Obviously, with passengers not being able to fly, cargo was no longer able to go in the holds of passenger flights, so Cargo Airlines were needed.

Manston Airport in the South East of England is absolutely ideal for the plans that RiverOak have put forward in bringing a cargo airport to our doorstep.

A great majority of people in this area want the airport to return and it can bring a huge amount of jobs with it, certainly something that Thanet desperately needs.

The arguments from Gatwick and Heathrow about expanding are pathetic and now that Brexit has been resolved and new countries want to trade with us...Britain must realise that it needs another airport that won't require villages and motorways to be moved.

Manston is here, the people want it, the country needs it, let's use it.

 From:
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 To:
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 Date:
 04 July 2021 13:44:17

For the attention of the Manston Airport Case Team.

I am a supporter of Manston Airport coming back as an Airport and I want to share my thoughts on the Environmental Issues in relation to Manston Airport.

I believe that it is applicable to part 3 of the questions that you wanted responses on.

Firstly I am not a jet engineer or a scientist, but I do like to think logically.

As I said, I am not a jet engineer, so I cannot argue the case against what the Anti Airport Brigade are calling these stinking aircraft, I can only say, that I have heard many people saying that these are not the same stinking aircraft of years gone by and that emissions are getting a lot cleaner.

I also said that I wasn't a scientist, so I cannot say whether these emissions from aircraft disperse any quicker over land or over water.

However, I also said that I like to think Logically.

Regardless of whether RSP and Manston Airport succeeds in its bid to become an Airport again, We know that RSP have no intention of making any Aircraft......They just want to use the Airfield to land and fly planes from.

This means that regardless of outcome, there will still be the same amount of aircraft flying into and out of our country, because people still want to fly and Cargo is flown in and out because the UK is an Island.

Aircraft at this present time are using all airports that are open to them and we are often hearing that more airports are required or airports are wanting to expand.

So lets really sum this up and think what makes more sense environmentally.

To fly to Gatwick, Heathrow, Stanstead, London City, Birmingham, Manchester and many others would mean flying over thousands of Houses on their flight paths in and out of the airport.

Flight paths to and from Manston are mainly over the sea.

Do we fly the same number of these stinking aircraft into the same airports, flying over thousands of houses on their flight paths, ....OR.....do we give them an additional airport, one that will not give them so many houses to fly over?

Logically and Environmentally, there is only one winner to me.

We all know, that Manston Airport, according to the Thanet District Council local plan has been safeguarded for airport related activities. So why not use it?

regards