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To: [Manston Airport](#)
Subject: For the attention of the Manston Airport case team
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Dear Sir or Madam

My wife and I would like to strongly support the case for the re opening of Manston Airport.

We have both lived in the area for at least 60 years, so are very well aware of the issues surrounding this project.

We both attended the meeting on one of the days, when, for example, there were a lot of untruths spoken by one of the County Councillors, regarding the potential sound and erosion that would be caused by overhead aircraft to schools. I can categorically say that, having attended a school directly under the flight path, at the old St George's school in Ramsgate, from 1961 to 1966, it did not adversely affect the pupils or teachers, they just spoke louder whilst the aircraft flew over and, at that time, believe me, the noise made by aircraft then was so much noisier than the current aircraft, so nowadays, it wouldn't be a problem.

One of the reasons I believe the Airport should reopen, is to help give younger habitants of Thanet and the surrounding area a prospect of real jobs in air traffic control, security, cargo handling, cleaning, reception, retail, passenger control, maintenance and many more.

The addition of apprenticeships, which I understand Riveroak Strategic Partnership has signed up to, as well as the dismantling of older aircraft, would also give some hope to youngsters in the area.

There is so much unemployment in the area of Thanet, that I see this as a real opportunity for the immediate and surrounding ares.

I also understand that KLM would like to return, should the Airport reopen, giving the local residents and businesses the opportunity to fly from a local airport. This would, in some respects, alleviate some of the congestion on main roads, by the same people travelling to Gatwick, Heathrow, Stanstead, and other airports. My wife and I have actually travelled to Bristol to catch a flight, so this would definitely help in many ways.

We currently have a new railway station being built at Manston the Parkway. This, presumably, could also be used for transporting goods to other parts of the country, which again will provide extra jobs... and help relieve the burden for Gatwick.

I understand that the Airport owners have also given a commitment to developing a greener site. This, together with the flight paths into and out of the site over mostly the sea, it seems a logical move to reopen the site.

Yours faithfully

John and Tina Kemp

