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Dear Sir/Madam,

“For the attention of the Manston Airport Case Team”.

I write to draw your attention to a local dimension in favour of the approval of the development of the Manston Airport site for aviation.

Dover District Council planning application 21/00626 concerns an application to construct an airfield in farmland close to Deal for 20 light aircraft with a capacity of 3750 flights per year.

I contend, in respect of the “Quantitative need for the Development”, that it would make much better and complete sense for these 20 aircraft to find a new home in a purpose-built airport with proper facilities for fuelling and maintenance and to contribute their almost 4000 flights per year to improving the economic case for the development of Manston Airport. This is a change since 9 July 2019.

It will not go unnoticed that an airfield so close to the channel coast, relatively isolated and possibly unmonitored may be attractive for other reasons besides recreational flying. So once again I contend that the legislative oversight and fixed costs pertaining to that oversight would also be defrayed with benefit over a larger number of aircraft using Manston.

Furthermore, I contend with regard to sixth carbon budget (covering the years between 2033 – 2037) that the carbon footprint impact of the local airfield scheme (21/00626) would to some extent be ameliorated by adding these 20 aircraft to a well-managed facility as outlined in the Manston Airport Plan, having aircraft management and maintenance in one place, achieving carbon and cost savings through a single action plan and shared facilities.

Yours faithfully

Philip Blair