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Re Manston Airport - Re-creating an airport for the 21st century and beyond.

For me the most important thing **is to retain Manston airport**. It exists. It is a very large flat space, positioned in a place accessible from but not close to large inhabited areas. As such, **Manston is a very rare and valuable asset indeed.**

When people talk about new runways at Heathrow or Gatwick they have to consider demolishing whole villages and destroying whole communities. All that is needed at Manston is to improve the road and railway links and provide an appropriate station. These improvements would benefit the whole of North Kent and especially Thanet – which has need of better connections anyway – as well as jobs. Also there is the opportunity to do this in a forward-looking, climate-change aware manner

If London needs increased airport capacity, then Manston is perfectly placed to provide it. The London airports should be considered together. Passenger links and cargo links do not all have to be in the same place. I appreciate that many passenger planes carry cargo too – but very many do not. It should not be beyond the wit of planners to distribute these functions efficiently between the existing London airports (including, Manston, Luton and Stansted).

Given the unpredictability both of the weather and of the long –term effects of climate change, having another landing/take-off option away from other sites is sensible. This is far more useful than just another runway in a location where, if one runway is fogbound then most probably they all are!

The future of air travel has to be subject to review. It currently uses too much carbon. I have no expertise to enable me to envisage the chemistry and physics that will provide the way forward. **One thing is sure: - air travel will need spaces for take-off and landing! Manston is a magnificent example of such a space and should be preserved. We just cannot afford to throw it away!**

In fact, once the environmental problems of travelling through the air have been solved, – as they surely must and will be - more aerodromes rather than fewer will be needed. It is for this reason that I think it is very short sighted indeed to build over smaller airstrips such as Rochester.

Planning regulations should be changed so that builders actually produced mostly **affordable** homes – and are only permitted a small space for **unaffordable** homes - instead of the other way round as now. Then there would be space elsewhere for the houses that developers want to put on this site.

So, please, take the long view and

Save Manston Airport.

Regards,

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