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To whom it may concern,

The opening of Manston as an airport is essential to our area because of the work possibilities and training for our younger generation.

The airport, when open, will ease the traffic around the M25 taking care of some elements of freight traffic and hopefully passengers at later stage.

I was born and bred with the airport operating and it didn't affect the children / students learning, in fact, they found it very educational and played a key role when helping with exercises carried out regards aircraft safety. There is nothing negative about our airport.

We cannot cope with further large housing projects; the roads, utilities and infrastructure is seriously impeded by long term lack of vision and funding.

The airport will substantially boost the local economy by providing career opportunities, growth to the area and attract wider businesses to invest in a thriving community. The airport will also boost local economy helping the smaller firms to survive and offer the potential for further expansion with international and national trading links being further enhanced.

The railway station which is due to open in 2022 was initially thought about with the operating airport and fast connections to London and other cities, also included with fly cruises from Ramsgate Port. The road structures are already in place to cater for the expansion so minimising any potential disruption to the surrounding area; Operation Brock is evidence of the area being able to effectively cope with additional freight traffic to Manston.

When I had the opportunity working as the Airport Commander for the Kent Police, I understood that there were many freight airline companies waiting to come to Manston as they previously had the best turn round time of aircraft; superior service to other airports.

I believe, from information obtained, that River Oak RSP have the backing and the opportunity to build the most environmental friendly airport in the UK, with the possibilities of Apprenticeships and work for the public and youngsters just leaving school.

Finally, as stated by the Government that an increase is needed, in the South East for runway space for air freight, from leaving the EU with Brexit it has become necessary to make further contracts with world wide countries such as Australia etc. requiring rapid goods, fresh delivery, medical supplies and return products which is putting mounting pressure on other airports especially London and the Southeast.

The UK safety should always be first thought of and this airport, as it has proved in the past, has made a name for itself, with being with open arms for troops coming back from deployment abroad, safety of our coast line and life saving for people at sea.

If you require any further information or support in making a positive decision, please contact me on the above E mail address.

Yours Faithfully
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For attention of the Manston Airport Case Team.

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