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I have lived in Thanet most of my adult life and most of my wider family.

I accept that the whole issue of Manston has droned on for many years and has proved to be quite polarising and increasingly it would seem a divisive issue.

It's your task to decipher what is in the best long term interests of the site and whichever way you decide will have a massive impact one way or the other.

I've no doubt that Sir Roger Gayle and Craig McKinlay MP's who are staunch advocates of Manston being a proper useable airport can fill you in on the wider benefits that Manston being used as an airport would bring. I believe they held their respective seats in no small part due to their pledges re the airport and not just brexit debate which is now finally over.

I have myself tried to see both sides of the arguement and have concluded that with proper and sustainable investment that Manston can succeed as a cargo airport and the jobs benefit to the area will far outweigh the loss of some quietness for some. I think the green argument against is a bit overstated.

As for the alternative being more housing in the guise of a business park that would be far more temporal for jobs and Thanet is already densely populated with it's only major employer being the QEQM hospital (service sector).

There's a massive opportunity to build a great and greener airport. Also having an airport situated close to our European neighbours and partners will mount up to many saved miles flown over the years in respect of distance from Continent to Manston compared with Continent to Gatwick/Heathrow.

A modern cargo airport will not be flying highly polluting planes as I've no doubt that they will be increasingly expensive to run with taxation and carbon certificates (if/as or when they are delivered). Noise pollution will be monitored and flouting or breaches outside of allowed and permitted time slots can be easily measured and enforced robustly.

Going forward if there are domestic flights, which I believe are planned, there is great reason to believe that tourism and the many great language schools that exist in Thanet would really benefit.

As people are encouraged to look at their own carbon footprint flying more locally than queuing on the M25 will also have a greener benefit. The South East is already densely populated and I do believe most people in Kent would probably prefer to fly from Kent where possible.

Perhaps this is more anecdotal than an exact measure but I think it worth pointing out that many people who are against Manston are more newer to the area and have moved here for a quieter life (nothing wrong with that). This can, however, give a skewed view as they appear to make more 'noise' (no pun intended) than longer term resident locals who don't worry about the increased noise issue.

There has been a proverbial beating of the drum that Manston has never worked as an airport in the past and never will. With proper inward investment this is possible. As a Country we should be bending over backwards to see good scaled investment that will bring jobs and many skilled ones at that which will be permanent.

I can only hope and genuinely pray that this tremendous opportunity for an airport would be seriously considered and approved.

In summary- Good quality jobs, greener state of the art airport fit for purpose with high investment. Some noise discomfort for some yes - but monitored properly and accountable if flouted.

Best wishes and regards,

Steve Court