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**To:** [Manston Airport](#)  
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Dear Sirs

There is a desperate need for Manston Airport to be fully functioning to support the local and south eastern economy – Thanet particularly is a deprived area with not many local jobs, the 80,000 jobs to be created by River Oak at Manston Airport will do an immense amount to relieve the poverty in this area.

It will attract many airfreight, and in the future, airline companies to fly people as well as freight abroad quickly and easily with fast rail links from London, thus relieving the congestion and problems with new runways at Gatwick and Heathrow, which are really at capacity. Manston has room for more runways. As for pollution – the flights are straight out to sea, with Thanet constantly washed by sea winds, taking any pollution well away from land.

The new railway Station at Manston Green is being constructed – it will be ready to take and bring freight to and from the airport – thus relieving the congestion of lorries on our roads, and improving the carbon footprint as freight may be immediately flown out over the sea.

What is the use of leaving this amazing historic airport lying desolate and idle when it can do so much good for the local and wider south eastern economy? River Oak have been very patient and have funds to upgrade and build infrastructure, new roads etc. To serve the re-opened airport. Manston has a great history being involved with World War II D-day landings and providing a much needed refuge for spitfires returning from bombing sorties abroad. etc. People love its past and very many people support the re-opening of the airport. Please now let it happen it has the longest runway in South England, it can take large airliners for freight and passengers. Concord used to take off from Manston in its day!

Yours Trevor Hogben  
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