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In considering the future of the currently unused Manston Airport, I would like you to consider some of the points mentioned below to make this Airport a thriving hub and viable employment resource for the South East.

I believe a decision is still not been made on the possible 3rd runway at Heathrow airport, Manston is already a viable resource waiting to be utilised in East Kent, it will free up space for the the London airports but offer Thanet the much needed employment help it so badly needs and richly deserves.

The access to the airport is very good good road structure and the proposed plan for Thanet Parkway Rail station, which will help with conveyance of passengers and the much needed cargo hub for the capital and south of England.

It will bring jobs and much needed prosperity to Kent especially Thanet giving encouragement for companies to re-locate here and make us a viable international transport hub.

Kent unemployment :[https://www.kent.gov.uk/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/8182/District-unemployment-bulletin.pdf](https://www.kent.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0019/8182/District-unemployment-bulletin.pdf)

on average overall Kent has 5.6 percent of the workforce unemployed but Thanet is 9.4 percent well above the national average. We have a high rate of both youth and family unemployment because there is a real shortage of skilled and training for people without travelling vast distances. Manston with its extra long runway, is suitably located for larger aircraft that will need assistance in emergencies, and we did have a active Air Search and Rescue base covering the south coast and this can be re-established giving confidence to the shipping lanes and to all aircraft on approach and departure for the London Airports. There is sufficient area for parking and would be easier to access than the parking and suitability of the parking places at other airports.

It would not only supply work opportunities but educational opportunities for flying and cargo training, Christchurch University has left empty a lot of space from closure of the education rooms to build up a formidable aviation and all related work training facilities and opportunities on our doorstep.

It will also work well with the planned cruise ship docks being at Dover port which there council supports and also the new intended Disney style complex and Ebbsfleet bringing in much needed revenue from overseas passengers for the Hotel and tourism industry throughout Kent.

Manston is a historic site of great heritage importance, it can host air displays (done in the past) and other events.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/manston-airport>

Our Water Aquifer lies underneath the airport, we are already in a drought area in the summer so to find if the airport is not given the go ahead and thousands of houses are built on the area would be a disaster.

Finally the Azimuth report

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR020002/TR020002-002459-7.4%20%20Azimuth%report.pdf>

which shows the direct job opportunities that come from airports  
airlines 28% ground handling 14% airport and atc 14% retail and terminal services 6%  
customs and immigration 5 % food and beverage 8 % maintenance repair and overhaul 6  
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This will give Thanet a fighting chance to build and become a place for skills and work in the future. please give us that chance.

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52,985 people were claiming unemployment benefits in Kent. This has fallen since last month Thanet has the highest unemployment rate at 9.4%. Sevenoaks has the lowest unemployment rate at 3.8%.

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