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I would like to put forward some very recent reasons why I object to the opening of Manston Airport although all the original reasons that the pins team made their recommendations on, still exist.

The government has committed to net zero emissions by 2050 the Cop26 which is being hosted by the UK, has been delayed to November 2021 however The Climate Change Committee, states the government is not on track to reach their target. How can our government be making decisions to increase emissions at the same time as hosting such an event; especially when their own pins panel recommended Manston not to be opened as an airport.

The pandemic has changed the faces of the air industry which may take many years to recover, opening an airport at such a time would be detrimental to the established airports who have relied heavily on freight to survive, companies that rely on existing airports may not survive.

A consultation report by the government in 2018 states.

'1.26 Disturbance from aircraft noise has negative impacts on the health and quality of life of people living near airports and under flightpaths. There is also evidence that the public is becoming more sensitive to aircraft noise, to a greater extent than noise from other transport sources, and that there are health costs associated from exposure to this noise.'

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/769695/aviation-2050-web.pdf

It is generally recognised that the effect on the mental health due to the pandemic has become a pandemic in its own right in the UK with the government unable to support health services financially or with skills to even start to make any impact on a path of recovery for the majority of people.

The government won many votes in the election on their promise to level up the north. The South East has more airports than other parts of the UK, therefore companies make decisions on access. The government's innovative ideas to level up whilst improving infrastructure should include the ability of airports in the north to be ready to cope with the economic growth that the government have promised.

This is not the right time to consider a project that would increase emissions and mental health problems in an area of the south east where there are high levels of congestion, airports, house building and health issues; when established airports across the UK need to procure business to survive and the north needs to be ready for levelling up with more availability.

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