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Thanet is an area that fails to attract any significant inward investment, and this has resulted in a high level of unemployment (9.4%). The proposal by River Oak to develop Manston Airport as a cargo hub and associated infrastructure will be a shot in the arm in terms of local employment, and it will also have the effect of attracting further inward investment from the aviation and freight sector.

Since the sale of the airport we residents have been bombarded by an extremely vocal minority of those not supporting the reopening and development. Some making very inflammatory and unproven comments in social and public media. Many of those who have put their names to these specious comments do not even live in the area. I live about 1 mile from the runway and enjoy the site of aircraft taking off and landing. I don't believe for one instant that local businesses will suffer from the disruption flights are alleged to possibly make, in fact I think that by lowering unemployment and increasing the available money in the local economy these businesses will benefit.

We already know that the statements put out by groups such as 'No Night Flights' are entirely contradictory to the statements of intent made by River Oak. On a global view our leaving the EEC means that it is important for us to safeguard our supply lines and the establishment of a freight hub can only be a good thing for imports and exports as Manston will be the closest air facility to Continental Europe.

In summary I welcome the plans put forward by River Oak, it presents a great opportunity for our young people to benefit from year round employment, instead of just poorly paid seasonal work.

Best wishes
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