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To: [Manston Airport](#)
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Dear Planning Inspectors,

I am a Ramsgatonian born and bred, and have lived in Thanet for 75 years, the last 40 directly under the flight-path (Cliff St. Ramsgate)

It's a vital need for the whole of east Kent (and beyond, to a variable extent) that Manston Airport is re-opened, and the sooner the better for all.

I have lived through the time of the USAF, RAF, and of the various civilian operators, with no detrimental effect whatsoever. (And EU Air was extremely convenient)

In the last 30 years or so, Thanet has lost all of its major employers, e. g. Rank, Sericol, GEC, BOC, Volkswagen, Channel Ferries and Hovercraft, manufacturing at Hornby/Rovex, and a lot more, including various local engineering companies and nearly all of Pfizer (4,000 jobs) Nothing has replaced the many thousands of jobs lost, or indeed the post-war holiday summer seasons that Thanet people used to be obliged to equally rely on.

With the National Government's insistence on targeting building 26,000 additional houses in Thanet, and in any event, we desperately need a substantial number of new jobs. There are no current/very limited prospects for our youngsters here, and increasingly they are having to move away to find any career employment.

Re-opening Manston Airport is a golden, unlikely ever to be repeated, opportunity for Thanet to recover from the depths of serious deprivation after so many years of re-investment starvation, and provide career employment for our youngsters and our unemployed. (Our unemployment figures are the highest in Kent)

To conclude this letter of support, we NEED Manston Airport to re-open.

Yours faithfully,
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