From: Manston Airport

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I live directly under the flightpath to Manston Airport so will be greatly affected by the decision on whether to open the Airport up again.

If the proposed re-opening & development of Manston Airport gets the green light it has the potential to be of enormous benefit to Thanet, Kent, South-East England & consequently the country as a whole.

It would bring many jobs to an area in desperate need of a boost & Riveroak have made it very clear throughout that they intend using local people & local firms as much as possible. Not only jobs but many training opportunities for a wide variety of roles such as Aircraft maintenance, Air Traffic Control, Customs, Catering etc etc. Unfortunately as a result of the pandemic there are likely to be a larger number of people of all ages in need of a job or training opportunities.

Brexit & the opening up of trade routes around the world also increases the need for a dedicated airport to serve them. This would speed up the distribution of products being imported to the country which is particularly important when dealing with perishable goods. Another benefit would be the freeing up of airspace at other airports for passenger only flights. The re-opening of Manston should lead to fewer lorries using the ports & hopefully reduce the risk of long queues on the countries roads.

This is a wonderful opportunity that on virtually all known evidence would be very popular & beneficial to the local populace & beyond.

Kind Regards

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