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Thanet is officially recognised by Kent County Council as the area of highest unemployment in Kent.

Kent Analytics www.kent.uk/research consistently states that Thanet has the highest unemployment rate in Kent bringing deprivation and health issues, worsened in the past year 2020/21 by the impact of Covid 19 pandemic measures.

In May 2021 headlines stated a Thanet 9.4% highest unemployment rate also with the highest 18-24 year olds unemployed in the South East.

Looking to the future and recovery, a reopened, redeveloped modern Manston Airport would provide much direct and indirect employment, skilled and unskilled.

Nearby Canterbury city has a number of excellent educational institutions, ie, universities and colleges where co-operation regarding relevant training and skills could be achieved. David Foley, Chief Executive of Thanet and East Kent Chamber of Commerce, reported in May 2021...

‘Of all the options available to promote skills, training and jobs creation, the revival of airport operations at Manston is surely at the top of the list...’

David Foley’s statement followed a Government Announcement May 11th 2021 for a major focus on adult skills in the Skills and Post 16 Education Bill.

Riveroak Strategic Partners (the owners and DCO applicants Manston Airport) respond in a statement ‘It comes at a time when RSP are planning how they will upskill local people so Manston Airport can find staff they need locally with plans to build and equip a substantial training facility on site at Manston. Mr T Freudman, Director of RSP said.....

‘The Covid pandemic has accelerated the need for adults to re-skill and up-skill as some types of jobs disappear or reduce. We are well aware that if we are able to play a key role in the recovery plans for the area, getting involved in training provision is vital. Manston as a freight forward focus airport creates employment in Airport operations, cargo handling, fire and rescue, catering, security, Airlines, freight forwarders, UK Border inspectors, fixed base operators, aircraft engine maintenance and repairs, aircraft recycling, fuel farm / refuelling operations, the Manston training facility, Museum, conference facility, and Innovation Centre.

The training provision available to on the Manston site, will also have overlap with

Marine businesses, wind farm, other environmental companies, tourism, leisure and hospitality and food processing'.

I too , think it is unarguable that a re-opened Revitalised Manston Airport will bring that much needed employment and hope to Thanet.

Regards,

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Manston Airport is safeguarded in the Thanet District Council Local Plan July 2020. Page 30. (SPO7). It says... 'Manston Airport is safeguarded for Airport related uses. Whether or not the DCO is confirmed, the future use and development of Manston Airport and/or other policies affected by the outcome of the DCO process, will be determined by an early review of the plan'.

Dept for Transport ..Airports National Policy Statement (APNS) re-instated the Policy which includes the statement 'making the best use of existing runways' , and the need for air freight increased airport capacity in the South East.

Although the concerns for new runway capacity and infrastructure in the SE England were focussed on the London Heathrow 3rd runway plans, the fruition of these plans is far in the future being proved a problematic project which has suffered many setbacks. Manston Airport has an existing very long, wide heavy duty hard runway waiting to be put to good use for cargo operations.

Brexit impact.....Since Brexit was finally determined there are more new and renewed trade agreements with non EU countries worldwide which supports the need for Manston Airport Cargo operations. <https://www.gov.uk/Brexit> search box UK trade agreements with non EU countries- GOV UK

There are currently listed 36 countries where 'full ratification 'of trade deals has taken place and 26 countries with 'provisional applications' and 3 countries with 'bridging mechanisms'.

Provisional Application brings agreements into force ahead of entry and the Bridging mechanism ensures continuity of trade in certain circumstances.

Mutual Recognition Agreements were signed with our Commonwealth ally Australia and New Zealand. Also with the USA. The UK Japan replicates the effects of the existing EU Japan mutual recognition agreement.

In addition there are trade agreements still in discussion.

There will be the need for Manston Cargo operations as there is now if Manston was working instead of laying wasted and idle. The adverse effects of severely reduced Passenger flights during the Covid 19 crisis, which also carried bellyhold cargo , resorted to some planes desperately converting passenger seating areas for cargo carrying instead. While passenger air travel is clearly currently being discouraged as part of the quest to cut emissions due to Climate Change policies, the future desire for air travel cannot be ignored. New technologies , electric and hydrogen use for aviation is being explored and underway and will eventually resolve the problems of harmful emissions and noise.

Passenger operations will return to the major airports because people will always want to fly to global destinations for various reasons. Air travel is one of the most popular, successful and efficient means of travel invented.

Meanwhile the movement of air cargo / freight to and from different parts of the world is essential.

Riveroak Strategic Partners made the right decision for their plans for a revived modern Manston Airport Cargo hub with 'green' considerations at the forefront. This complies perfectly with the 'Build Back Better' policies much advertised by Government and the World Economic Forum. Some passenger flights will surely be catered for but not at the forefront of RSP plans.

I support RSPs application of a Development Consent Order.

Regards,

Cherry B Walker.

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