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Dear Sirs

Manston Airport.

After 7 long years since the closure was announced and looking back it's been a long road, from the first meeting in Acol Village Hall to the Winter Gardens, House of Commons select committee meetings, numerous council meetings, presentations, petitions and various letters of support throughout the process, I find myself back in front of the keyboard once again to draft yet another letter of support!

Do all previous submissions over the seven years get shredded and forgotten about? Nothing has altered, the feelings of those supporting the reopening remain as robust and unchanged.

Manston gives Thanet a unique selling point.

The promised private investment in the area is welcomed as is the job and training opportunities that will be welcomed with open arms in an area of know deprivation.

The land itself has proven to be a huge national benefit in times of national emergency i.e. Operation Brock and nobody can be certain the airport would not be needed again.

Once the land has been taken over by non-airport infrastructure and the huge open space of the runway left to rot, there will be no going back.

At the very least RSP should be allowed to go ahead with investing their own money into the project, if it fails after 10 years then so be it, but at least they tried. Unlike the previous owner who basically hoodwinked the local population with huge promises, whilst effectively asset stripping the site and making reopening more costly and time consuming.

The feelings of many residents in Thanet are the same and I am sure that you are well aware of this.

I have backed my local MP Sir Roger Gale in his robust support of the airport on many occasions on this very matter, although on other issues we might not see eye to eye. But this is a project that will have a long-term benefit to Thanet, the Southeast and the rest of the Country.

I urge you to ensure that these plans, 7 years in the making, are seen through to their ultimate, beneficial conclusion.

Regards

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