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Manston Airport

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I would like to briefly state my opposition to the nonsensical proposal to reopen Manston as a freight hub.

With British Columbia currently fighting 180 wild fires and the Arctic sweltering in 30 degree heat my concern is mainly on environmental grounds; I think the speed and magnitude of climate change is genuinely terrifying and the feeding frenzy of bucket and space airlines over the past 20 years can have played no small part.

I am against expansion of any kind in aviation and believe that demand must be curtailed with fair taxation.

However, beyond that, the idea of a 'freight hub' stuck at the eastern extremity of the country with no alternative to transferring goods to belching lorries, makes absolutely no sense at all.

I was very unsettled when Grant Shapps overturned what seemed to be perfectly sensible planning advice and sincerely hope that public consultation is just that – and not a tick box exercise on the way to yet more cronyism.

The planet really cannot stand the continuing frivolity of shipping in 90p green beans from Kenya or Amazon's tat-on-demand.

Thank you

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