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To whom it may concern

I appeal to those responsible to uphold the Dco for Manston.

I have lived in Ramsgate since birth 1972 and have 3 or 4 generations the same. Manston has to remain an airport and I cannot understand how a small group of locals forced a judicial review into the secretary of state decision to grant the dco. Since the RAF pulled out of Manston there have been a few attempts to make something happen but never with the level of investment being offered by River oaks the current owners of the site.

Thanet is in terrible shape employment wise and there is no foreseeable improvement incoming. Pfizer was based here and employed upto 10,000 people before it ceased operations at its Sandwich site and there has been no take up on its site to replace the massive amount of jobs lost there. No one is suggesting Manston will create this many local jobs but the attached industry will provide much needed local employment.

Also with the un popular development that Heathrow are trying to get,against everyone's wishes would it not make sense to develop airports around the country,as if you have ever had to commute around Heathrow area you will know it is massively over developed already so regional hubs will improve this situation no end. The area of thanet desperately needs a large opportunity to thrive more now than ever as the government has legislated that there needs to be 17,000 new houses in thanet re the local council local plan. This local plan agreed by the council also lists Manston to remain aviation based rather than used for housing. Thanet needs jobs already and with thousands more residents will need even more,which as it stands without a substantial outlet for employment this situation will worsen considerably

Therefore I emlore that your team grant the dco for Manston so Thanet and surrounding areas have a chance of Improving. Please don't allow a small group of anti airport protesters to derail the plans for Manston that Thanet and the South East desperately need  
Yours

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