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Manston Airport

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I am writing on behalf of the Canterbury Climate Action Partnership CCAP which is not for profit Community Interest Company bringing together representatives of local government, civic society including our residents association, faith groups, local business and universities/educational bodies.

A core aim of CCAP is promote Zero Carbon and encourage climate action to address the Climate Emergency proclaimed by Canterbury City Council. Accordingly, the CCAP Board when it discussed the issue in 2020, took the view that the opening/development of Manston Airport would be highly detrimental to the UK's commitment to meet the Paris Climate goals and to subsequent Government promises to attain Zero Carbon as set out in its most recent official climate plans. It would further seriously undermine the UK's credibility as host of COP26 at Glasgow.

It is our considered view that given envisaged flight paths, the negative impact of the airport, notably in respect of carbon emissions, as well as other detrimental impact such as noise and pollution will affect not only residents in Thanet District but also in much of Canterbury District and beyond.

I would therefore appreciate it if you take formal note of our strong objection to any reopening/development of Manston for aviation purposes. Indeed, we feel that such a step would contradict the intention of Kent County Council and government agencies to instigate a green-led recovery from Covid-19; instead of aviation it would be our hope that the Manston site be used for the provision of sustainable, low carbon investments and jobs of the sort advocated by the Local Government Association of England and Wales and others, such and the OECD and other reputable organisations.

I would appreciate acknowledgement of our submission and would be pleased to provide further evidence as necessary.

Yours sincerely

Dr Carl Wright Chair, Canterbury Climate Action Partnership