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For the attention of the Manston Airport Case Team”.

I would like to confirm my support for RSP's plan to open Manston Airport as a cargo hub. Freight hubs will be an increasingly important facility for the whole of the UK. Airports will be greener opening even more opportunities for growth.

As a lifelong resident of Ramsgate I have, over the years, seen an increase in people moving here, whilst at the same time a decrease in employment opportunities. This has led to an unemployment rate of 9.4%, way above the average national figure and the principle reason that East Kent, and Thanet in particular, is one of the country's most deprived areas.

The massive investment proposed by Riveroak will be the best thing to happen to Thanet. It will provide decent jobs, training and educational opportunities for all residents but especially our young people who are not academically suited to university education at the age of 18.

I am utterly disgusted that Ramsgate's Labour controlled town council isn't fully behind this. Fortunately we have some Cllrs who do see the economic advantages that this project will bring to our area, as do the neighbouring councils of Canterbury and Dover.

And we have one huge advantage of having an airport in East Kent in that we are by the sea, so negating the impact that other airports have on flying over built up areas. As a green airport Manston would be a great example to set.

Please look favourably on this application as it will safeguard this area for the future. Our young people deserve this.

Yours faithfully

Kathy Stevens