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On the questions the Secretary of state has asked us to comment on re the Manston DCO:

Carbon budget:

The government's commitment to the carbon budget, which is due to be passed this month, allows growth in emissions so long as those are compensated in some manner. RSP has committed to net zero day one so this means Manston is better placed than any other airport due to building from scratch to prioritise environmental issues. So operations like Cargolux who are desperate to return to Manston will improve their carbon footprint by returning to Manston. Aviation is moving fast to greener fuels, BA is building a biofuels plant, KLM is working with the Dutch government on the same, Herne Bay has a hydrogen plant.

Effects of Pandemic on the need for the new airport:

Airfreight has made a V shaped recovery, and this is because of an unprecedented increase in e-commerce which has accelerated by 10 years growth in one year. This combines with an unprecedented reduction in passenger flights forcing a move from belly cargo to dedicated freighters. Hence It is crucial that there is no further delay in work to rebuild the airport, the pandemic has significantly increased the need.

Deprivation - the need for jobs:

Thanet has one of the highest unemployment rates in the south. Thanet has the highest unemployment rate in Kent at 9.4%. The 18-24 year old unemployment rate in Kent is 8.7%. Thanet has the highest 18-24 year old unemployment rate in the South East at 14.9% (Figures from KCC report). As government Pandemic support is wound down unemployment will increase. Unemployment causes an enormous reduction in life expectancy, so the jobs and training the airport will provide (at no cost to the exchequer) are literally a matter of life and death. The Kings report quotes "The gap in healthy life expectancy at birth is stark. In 2015–17, people in the least deprived areas could expect to live roughly 19 more years in good health than those in the most deprived areas. People in the most deprived areas spend around a third of their lives in poor health, twice the proportion spent by those in the least deprived areas."

Manston jobs:

Manston will create thousands of direct and indirect jobs, (skilled and unskilled) in: freight companies, airlines, ground handling, airport and air traffic control, retail and other in-terminal services, airport security and passenger screening, customs, immigration and government jobs, ground transport, food and beverage, maintenance, repair and overhaul, other. Flight training at Manston has already trained hundreds of commercial and military pilots. Jobs created by Manston are projected to rise from 14612 in year 5 to 23,215 in year 20, (From Azimuth report).

Policies:

There has been no change in government aviation policies since the announcement of a DCO decision in 2019. However the TDC local plan does retain Manston for aviation use only, so the RSP DCO is a good way to provide the much needed jobs, in a way that is consistent with both local and national policy. The ANPS (Airports National Policy Statement) was reinstated. It applies predominately to the case for the 3rd runway at Heathrow. However, the completion of that is a long way off (if it ever occurs) and the ANPS does refer to "Making Best Use" of existing runways. It also indicates the "Need for Air Freight" and the "Need for increased Airport Capacity".

Brexit:

Manston has always specialised in fast turnaround of perishable goods, turning planes around in 45 minutes was standard at Manston. RSP intends to expand the airplane stands to keep pace with traffic to maintain this capability. Brexit and Covid demonstrated the problems for perishable and other cargos by restrictions in channel crossings. RSP has a business target to recapture freight traffic which is currently being trucked to European airports. The new trade deals now being signed require an increase in airport freight capacity. Using this to create jobs in Thanet will extend lives significantly up to 10 years extra life for some age groups.

"The London Resort"

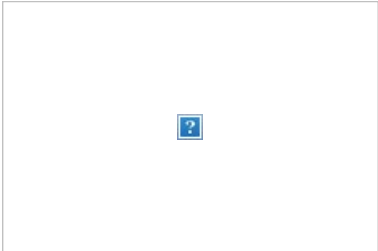
This was accepted for Examination on the 28th January, 2021. This is a £2 billion project and a reopened Manston

with the new Parkway Station (due to open December 2022) would all be mutually beneficial.

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UK enshrines new target in law to slash emissions by 78% by 2035

The UK's sixth Carbon Budget will incorporate the UK's share of international aviation and shipping emissions for the first time, to bring the UK more than three-quarters of the way to net zero by 2050.

www.gov.uk

Freight recovery

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January Air Cargo Demand Recovers to pre-COVID Levels

IATA released January 2021 data for global air cargo markets showing that air cargo demand returned to pre-COVID levels for the first time since the onset of the crisis

www.iata.org

Deprivation KCC report

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