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Responses to four points listed in the Statement of Matters issued by the Secretary of State:

1. National and Local Policies:

Employment prospects in Thanet cannot be improved by the proposed development. Current demand for drivers, horticultural & agricultural workers are not being met. The latest Social Mobility Commission report 'The long shadow of deprivation,' explains how lack of opportunity, industry and employment in the North East, West and Chilterns, matches aspects of Thanet's lack of social mobility and high deprivation. These are well documented by Kent County Council, Department of Work and Pensions and sociology researchers. RSP prognostications have been significantly cut. New developments nearby at Ebbs Fleet, and a new Thames Crossing will create further well funded employment, should local disincentives be overcome.

2. Brexit and Covid have in the short term locally reduced trade, travel and expectations. Much more significantly the prospect of long term and ongoing trade disruption combined with permanent world wide endemic viral variations does nothing to enhance the chances of an airport that never functionally succeeded.

3. The 6th Carbon Budget of 2033-7 acquires immediate significance with the statement by David Attenborough that the rate of global warming is exceeding estimates faster than was predicted. Government forecasts for inundation alone militate against any long term metropolitan links with Thanet.

4. The unprecedented nature of a Secretary of State ignoring almost unanimously negative PINNS recommendations, then effectively restarting the enquiry will deserve later consideration. The whole proposal, the complete absence of any successful relevant background, indeed a determined silencing of any reports of consistent regular failures and worse on the part of the principal mover, will be regarded with incredulity in the future. They cannot be hidden indefinitely.

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