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For the attention of the Manston Airport Case Team

I am emailing in support of the reopening of Manston Airport, as set out in my points below:

1. Policies

As set out clearly in the Thanet Transport Strategy 2015-2031, 'air travel is an important part of the future of Thanet, especially if it is serviced by the new train station..' It is the 'biggest single site for employment' bringing much needed jobs for he people of Thanet, particularly after the devastation of Covid. The third runway at Heathrow mentioned in the ANPS is still a long way off, reinforcing the immediate need for increased airport capacity for air freight.

2. Carbon emissions

The government has allowed for growth in emissions, as long as these are compensated for in some way, RSP is committed to net zero day one, so this has already been addressed and planned for. Aviation is moving to greener, cleaner energy and there is the capacity for this in North Kent with biofuels and a hydrogen plant at Herne Bay.

3. Brexit

The need for us to be able to transport goods efficiently and speedily will be paramount moving forward. RSP has a business target to recapture freight traffic and expand freight capacity. The effects of Covid have also demonstrated the need for better and improved transportation of goods (particularly perishable goods) in order to better serve an ever increasing population.

The benefits of a reopened Manston airport - with the new Parkway Station - will boost our economy, provide much needed jobs and services in the North Kent area particularly, and assist greatly in our independence from a restricting European-centric country to a world leader in the transport industry.

I fully support the reopening of Manston.

Sincerely, Dayle Brain