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Manston Airport

Subject: MANSTON AIRPORT REGENERATION - F.A.O: MANSTON AIRPORT CASE TEAM

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Dear Sirs,

I wish to further support the regeneration and development of Manston Airport for the following reasons:

- The economy in this part of Kent has always been depressed and lacking sufficient economic activity to sustain local employment. Manston Airport would not only provide short-term employment in its construction and development but would provide long-term employment in its operation through direct employment at the site and through the services provided by local business to sustain the facility.
- Presently, anyone wanting to fly has had to travel to one of the London Airports which means hundreds of thousands of car journeys at least 70-80 miles distant. Manston Airport would reduce this impact upon our roads and environment considerably.
- Manston Airport already exists as a location and, therefore, there is no impact through destruction of green space or communities. There is also a developed road system and HS1 to support the site. The redevelopment of the site for cargo and commercial flights will improve the local community, which is much needed following the turmoil of the Covid epidemic, and would also help to improve the tainted atmosphere surrounding Brexit. It will help to reinforce the message that Britain is strong and vibrant and ready to do business with the World.
- Manston Airport will be a Green airport utilising the latest technology (quieter and more
 efficient airplanes) in its operation and can be used as a benchmark for future
 development.
- There will be reduced impact on local communities in its operation, as there will be no scheduled night flights, and it is ideally situated adjacent to the Channel.
- In the Government's pledge to achieve zero carbon the development of Manston Airport will go a long way to reduce the impact upon the environment.
- Not only is there a tendency for people to be moving out of London for a better quality of
 life but also the local population is looking to reduce journeys to London due to the Covid
 epidemic and, therefore, there is a vital need to improve employment opportunities in the
 medium to long term. A development such as this will encourage existing businesses to
 expand and other businesses to relocate to the area. This will furthermore improve
 education and training.
- Kent is, afterall, the gateway to Europe and could become the gateway to the rest of the World.

Yours faithfully

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