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Dear Secretary of State

**FAO of Manston Airport Case Team - Request, For Further Comments regarding the DCO for Manston:**

I write as a former member of the Manston Airport Consultative Committee (MACC) and the Kent International Airport Consultative Committee (KIACC).

Both of the above were a statutory body set up by the Government to liaise and deal with issues pertaining to Manston Airport.

I am still somewhat bewildered that your department has ignored the Planning Inspectorates advice - and further to this putting the onus on the local community to put into writing, "what has changed"! This clear and wilful disregarding of a community to look after developers interests above the wider communities, of which was acknowledged by the Exa in its deliberation. It should be perfectly obvious to your department whats changed? For brevity I will state the obvious ones:-

**Changes.**

- Numerous planning changes to Airport expansion of Gatwick, Stansted and Heathrow.
- A Pandemic!
- Brexit.
- Freight Movement.
- Serious Climate Change Issues.

The Duty of Care shown by the Local Authority (Thanet District Council), your department and the two MPs for North Thanet and South Thanet has clearly shown that Democracy has been undermined at public expense, of which that Due of Care has been a significant failure!

Further to the above the local area has seen very little "Balance of Probability" from your office in that a DCO will ultimately fail and will continue to significantly blight the area!

The DCO was and still is an unreasonable proposition, it's not proportional in any form, further to that - safeguarding it in a local plan is neither proportional or warranted!

Furthermore I find that the DoT has somewhat discriminated against an entire community let alone individuals with time scales and its complete disregard for our health and well being whilst both of our MP's have sat idly by and supported an airport at 'Any Cost'!

This DCO if accepted will destroy more jobs than it creates, let alone increase the Climate Change issues.

It's very clear that Schools will go back to the bad old days due to A/C noise and it'll be worse with this DCO. Having to close windows and doors due to fuel vapour entering a house is unacceptable in this day and age!

The failure to deal with the cumulative and damaging affect of this DCO application continues to have been understated!

Yours Sincerely

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