

ATT Manston Airport Case Team

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Why Manston Airport

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Manston is the catalyst that will put Thanet back on the map points to reflect on

- I fully support the Airport and want the DCO to go ahead
- Believe it or not over 80% of people in Thanet want this Airport.
- Thanet has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country.
- This area had some big players in the 80's that have all gone now I.e. Hover port, Ferry terminals at the Harbour, Haffenden's rubber company, Pfizer, Cummins, 4 Coal mines, so if somebody wants to invest £300 Million pounds bring it on how can we justify digging up the 3rd largest runway in England
- Will bring highly skilled long term jobs to the area with proper working contracts not zero hour contracts that now seem to blight the area
- We will see the need for more freight airports now we are out of the EU.
- Online shopping due to the pandemic has created more air freight.
- Due to the pandemic we can no longer rely on belly hold cargo in passenger planes.
- Manston being on the coast is good for the future in fact aircraft hardly fly over the mainland and with infrastructure transport going green, it places Manston in a very good position for the future.
- I have lived alongside the airport for over 24yrs and have seen many aircraft including military and commercial plus Concorde and the Red Arrows.
- As for the noise and pollution levels, I have four children that have lived in the village all their lives and attended the local village school and it has had no lasting effects on their health and wellbeing, they all hold down very responsible jobs and still live in the village.
- The minority of people opposed to the Airport are people from London that come down here to retire, this is not a retirement area and never has been

Regards

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Also Manston was the emergency runway for Heathrow and Gatwick and also air sea and rescue