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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

My response as a locally based person who is not an aviation expert but who wants this airport for its economic benefits to the area is the following:-

1. The Nethercourt Group. This is a tiny group of individuals who do not represent anybody locally but themselves, or who is actually backing them.?

2. The reopening of Manston Airport is a very popular idea locally. Poll after Poll has supported in the 80% range, but it is very unpopular with operators of competing airports. It is very difficult to find professional testimony from other airport operators or logistics professionals saying that the reopening of Manston is a good idea because to say so would be like cutting their own throats, and this is at the core of what is wrong with the original Ex A report and why it is a mistake to quote that report. For example ;

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From Arup "The weight that the Ex A placed on the Applicant's forecasts was reduced by the lack of interview transcripts available, and of the size and sample frame of many of the interviewees, when considering the size of the forecasts generated and there was little evidence that academic and industry experts had validated the approach of the Azimuth Report".

Did you really think that Heathrow Airport or an integrator based at Heathrow Airport would come forward and say "Great" I can't wait for Manston to reopen so I can get the sack, damage my business and undermine the case for runway 3." Simple isn't it.? ditto for all other competing airports.

As far as Stanstead is concerned, it's just lost thousands of cargo ATM's because it is chasing passenger traffic, but Arup choose to obfuscate this matter, " independent accessor" ? There was a simple choice there,, and independence did not figure in the way that fact was presented.

I note that the Arup group are opening a brand new office complex in Birmingham, just a stones throw from East Midlands Airport, any alarm bells ringing yet! At least we know where they are investing their interest.

Yours sincerely

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