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Subject: Response to Ove Arup report on the doomed reopening of Manston Airport
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Dear Sirs

I refer to the independent report produced by Ove Arup, which was commissioned by the SOS for Transport.

As its 15 predecessors also concluded, the report found that the case for reopening Manston Airport fails.

In order to succeed as an NSIP, the original reason for the CPO, it has to be proved that the public need outweighs the negatives. It clearly does not, as is made clear in Ove Arup's report.

- it is not viable as an airport, due to its position one mile from the nearest inhabited street, 25 miles from the nearest motorway, and approximately 60 miles from the M25, where any airport traffic including fuel tankers and freight lorries would join an already overcrowded motorway, adding to the air pollution.
- It would be completely inconsistent with the Government's statements at Cop26.
- It would be detrimental to the growing local tourism industry - which started to blossom after the most recent (of several) closures of the Airport. RSP's claims of thousands of jobs are wildly exaggerated, particularly as they say a lot of automation would be used. And electric barges..... why would a company want to fly any cargo into Manston, transport it down to Ramsgate Harbour and then carry it slowly up to London on an electric barge, when it could far more swiftly get it into Stansted, City or Southend Airports, which already have the infrastructure.

So many other people have done a lot of research into this situation, I salute them all. I would like to quote the Ramsgate Society which says that there is a world of difference between 'want' and 'need'. There is no need for this airport; there are so many, better placed airports ready and willing to take up any tiny amount of freight that might want to fly into Manston.

Finally, here is a picture that shows how close - one mile - the runway is to the nearest house on the outskirts of the town, and with a housing estate planned for even nearer.

Imagine the bad publicity if against all reasoned, independent, judgment the airport was allowed to reopen and a plane crashed on takeoff or landing. No other town in the country is situated so close to an airport.

Please use some common sense and say no.

J Roberts

Ramsgate resident (unlike many who write in favour of the airport).

