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Dear Madam and Sirs

I am writing again to ensure my views on the restoration of Manston Airport are recorded and considered in the ongoing and resource draining saga.

In short, i am against the return of an airport in Thanet and particularly in Manston as i am under the flight path and it does not fit with environmental values of todays world and its aspirations.

I have lived in Ramsgate almost all my life, over 45 years, remembering it as a RAF base onwards to now.

My enduring memory of it as a young child was as a noisy, smelly place and frighteningly low air craft. As an adult 40+ years later, my understanding of this experience is more comprehensible and there is no doubt that the still air without airplanes thundering low over head has greatly improved my living experience.

The air quality feels vastly better too and one is able to leave doors and windows open during the warmer seasons which makes for a vast improvement.

As many of us are now working from home as a result of the Pandemic, the noise of thundering planes overhead would negatively affect air quality, noise levels and be disruptive to work.

With regards to the wider community, Thanet desperately needs to recover its tourism and environmental sectors, both after the Pandemic, Brexit and over a decade of needless austerity. The Build Back Better program and general recovery of Thanet would be undermined by the return of a dirty, noisy, working airport.

The economic advantages of Manston returning as an airport, despite the poor road links, are woefully insignificant compared to the economic opportunities and growth that additional housing and services would bring to the isle.

The provision of additional homes fulfills national growth commitments whilst secondary investment by people leaving the cities and relocating to more interesting and financially viable locations such as Thanet brings inward investment opportunities for our communities.

The viability of Manston as an airport was one fraught with challenges and of boom and bust, that was throughout our time in the EU and so now, outside the EU, the challenges for a short-haul airport are even greater. I simply have no confidence and would simply be history repeating itself yet again and we'll lose time in building new houses on the site as i set out above.

I would continue to resist the ludicrous suggestion and ambition of reinstating Manston as an airport for the rest of my days, it is a pointless exercise to continue expending energy on a lost cause when the national economy does not need an airport, environmental ambitions cant afford an airport, the local economy gains little from an airport but much from other proposals, local infrastructure cannot service an airport.

Manston Airport has its noble place in history and it should be left there with the dignity it deserves.

Yours sincerely

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