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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Independent Aviation Assessor's conclusions are well considered and entirely sound.

Two thorough and professionally-conducted examinations have now concluded that there is no case for the re-opening of Manston.

In one respect, however, both reports could have gone further. The government's targets in respect of Green-House Gases (GHGs) are getting more ambitious all the time. This trend is unlikely to change, given the government's recognition of the importance of the struggle to reduce the emission GHGs and the very challenging nature of that struggle. The Independent Aviation Assessor's report should devote more attention to this aspect of the proposal to re-open Manson: it is hard to see how a new freight airport could do anything other than make the achievement the government's targets much more difficult.

The Independent Aviation Assessor's report notes, "... the Transport Decarbonisation Plan and Jet Zero consultation material do not appear to have a material effect on the need case for the Proposed Development, however they introduce new goals around the carbon impact of airport operations and domestic aviation emissions which should be considered by the Secretary of State in any future decision." I would respectfully suggest that the report should offer the Secretary of State much more guidance on this point than it does, along the lines I have suggested in my previous paragraph.

Yours faithfully

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