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Dear Sir or Madam,

I agree wholeheartedly with the conclusions reached by the Independent Aviation Assessor that nothing has changed to make Manston Airport a more viable proposition.

However, the draft report has little or nothing to say on two important points.

#### Terrorism

The threat of terrorism has recently been raised to severe, highlighting the continuing danger to this country. Aircraft flying low over a populous area such as Ramsgate would make a tempting target for terrorist groups able to use surface-to-air missiles or indeed to use the aircraft themselves as a weapon.

#### Pollution and global warming

In light of the recent COP26 conference, would not the increased air pollution from cargo aircraft operating out of Manston undermine the government's drive to reduce CO2 emissions?

I hope that the Independent Aviation Assessor will consider these points seriously when finalising their report. I also hope that the Secretary of State's passion for aviation will not in any way affect his judgement when he comes to make a decision on the final report.

Yours faithfully,

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