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Dear Manston Airport Case Team.

I would like to add some comments please.

Since when reopened, for a period Manston will by default will be the greenest Airport in the World (Carbon Budget), Battery vehicles Led lighting to name but two, I see no mention of this in the document.

The Document uses historic 2009-2019 pre Covid-19 data, ignoring that online e-commerce has come forward leaps and bounds in the past 18 months and the trend is unlikely to reverse, specialist freight aircraft are likely to be the future as passenger operators struggle to redefine their business model.

The dramatic long term dangers of surface port blockades and border tariffs post Brexit are ignored, we need modern green freight Airports with good road/rail infrastructure Manston is by far and away best suited to take that next jump. Our closest neighbor France has historically time and again blackmailed us at her Ports and with increasing political pressures inside the EU that will be a permanent worry for our vital supply chain.

To ignore the public and political resistance to either Heathrow or Gatwick expansion plans is blinkered or lacking in awareness.

East Kent has continued to sink lower on the socio-economic scale since the late 60's and the demise of it's largest industry, Tourism. The jobless in Thanet are screaming for a company that could bring jobs and a sense of worth to them , there is only one on the horizon, in fact it is here now and that is River Oak and Manston, the people have voted time and again for Manston as an Airport, you will not find that around Heathrow and Gatwick, in fact quite the reverse, part of your remit should (and may) be the needs of the people , we need Manston Airport.

The UK needs Manston and Thanet desperately wants to be a part of a bright future, this tedious process cannot go on we need positive thinkers to take decisions and let us build Britain's first dedicated. Air Freight link with the rest of the World.

Kind regards

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