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Dear Sir or Madam

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I do not intend to submit a long response as part of what seems to be an utterly pointless process of continually ‘kicking the possible Manston Airport can down the road’, when it is irrefutably obvious to anyone who has read the reports that a decision should have been made to stop this whole process ‘in its tracks’, a long time ago. Sadly, as a resident of Ramsgate I have for a number of years had to continue to be involved in the ‘case against’ reopening an airport at the disused Manston Airport site. Having had a successful career in teaching I was truly shocked at the decision to overturn the findings of the PINS assessment, which found there was ‘no evidence need’ but ‘well evidenced negative impacts for the residents of Ramsgate and the environment’. Along with many others I remain perplexed that the Government has so far, failed to make a decision based on the weight of evidence. Indeed, there have been countless independent reports by highly qualified and experience experts and organisations in the field of aviation. The recent PINS report recommended that there was no need for the Proposed Development and stated that;

‘given all the evidence, the ExA concludes that the levels of freight that the Proposed Development could expect to handle are modest and could be catered for at existing airports (Heathrow, Stansted, EMA, and others if the demand existed). The ExA considers that Manston appears to offer no obvious advantages to outweigh the strong competition that such airports offer. The ExA therefore concludes that the Applicant has failed to demonstrate sufficient need for the Proposed Development, additional to (or different from) the need which is met by the provision of existing airports.’ (E.R 5.7.28)

The Independent Assessor further mentions that there has not been any significant or material changes to policy or the quantitative need case for the Proposed Development since July 2019, that would lead to different conclusions being reached (compared with the previous ExA conclusions) with respect to the need for the Manston development.

As a result, is it not about time for a decision to be made that is based on credible evidence, the vast majority of which, states there is no ‘need’ or ‘benefit’, for the proposed airport on the old Manston site, a site where numerous attempts to make an airport work have previously failed! Can we please ‘wake up and smell the coffee’ and look at alternative plans for the site, a site that would be ideal for the development of green technologies given on any day we have any combination of wind, wave and solar power, with solar and wind power companies already locally placed and successful.

Kind regards

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