

To: Secretary of State for Transport
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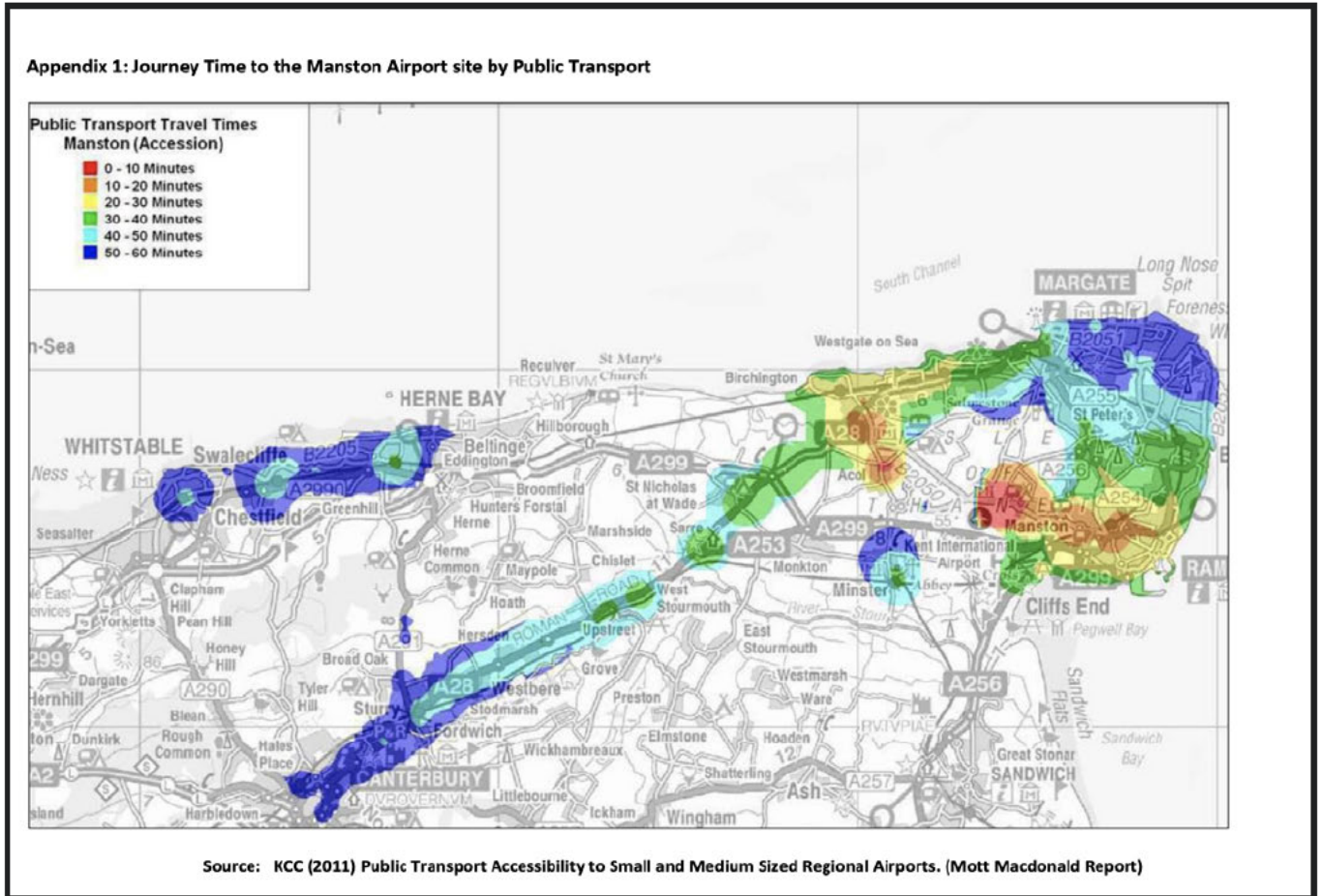
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For the attention of the Manston Airport Case Team

1. This submission is in response to the SoSFT's letter of 21 October 2021 and specifically paragraph 6.
2. We submit our comment to the First Round of Consultation herewith as a formal consultation response to the Second Round of Consultation.
3. Our comment is in response to Adrian Hilton [[TR020002-005558](#)] and Brendan Martin [[TR020002-005473](#)] (together the "AB Submissions"); in which reference is made to passenger flights.
4. We respectfully remind the AB Submissions that the catchment area of the Proposed Development is very limited and the catchment area already has 5 UKNET airports accessible by sustainable transport.
5. The map below shows journey times to the former Manston Airport by sustainable transport. Although this map is from 2011 when the former airport was opened, there has only been one change to sustainable transport since then. For the avoidance of any doubt, the HS1 Javelin regular services began on 13 December 2009 with the quickest journey time from Ashford to London St Pancras at 35 minutes¹.
6. Therefore, the only change since the map's publication will be the opening of Thanet Parkway Train Station in December 2022. Due to its location of being between Minster and Ramsgate station and requiring an additional shuttle bus

¹  (accessed 2 December 2021)

journey of at least 10 minutes (or walking for 58 minutes²). It will not reduce journey times by public/ sustainable transport and therefore would not change this map.



7. We respectfully remind the AB Submissions that the catchment area of the Proposed Development has 5 UKNET airports accessible by sustainable transport:
 - a. London City (journey time from Ramsgate 93 minutes³)
 - b. Luton (journey time from Ramsgate 119 minutes⁴)
 - c. Heathrow (journey time from Ramsgate 138 minutes⁵)

² Source Google Map

³ Source Google Maps (train + DLR) (accessed 2 December 2021)

⁴ (accessed 2 December 2021)

⁵ (accessed 2 December 2021)

- d. Gatwick (journey time from Ramsgate 148 minutes⁶)
 - e. Stansted (journey time from Ramsgate 158 minutes⁷); and
- together the “**5 UKNET Airports**”

- 8. Each of the 5 UKNET Airports, as recognised by its UKNET status, is of strategic importance⁸.
- 9. Most if not all of the 5 UKNET Airports offer a price point range that is simply unmatchable and most certainly Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted offer a range and frequency of destinations that is simply unmatchable.

⁶ [REDACTED] (accessed 2 December 2021)

⁷ [REDACTED] (accessed 2 December 2021)

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