

To: Secretary of State for Transport  
% Planning Inspectorate,  
National Infrastructure Planning

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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 Andrew Gambrill of Canterbury City Council [[CCC Document](#)].

**Last Paragraph 1, Page 1 and Top Paragraph of Page 2 of [[CCC Document](#)]**

4. The current Canterbury District Local Plan adopted in July 2017<sup>1</sup> makes no mention of the Proposed Development whatsoever.
5. Therefore there is no supporting policy for the Proposed Development in the Canterbury District Local Plan.
6. As you will be aware Canterbury City Council is currently preparing a new Canterbury District Local Plan Our Future to 2040 ("**CCC Our Future**").
7. We respectfully bring to the Secretary of State's attention that in the section Movement and Transportation **CCC Our Future**<sup>2</sup> it makes no mention whatsoever

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<sup>1</sup> [REDACTED] (accessed 2 December 2021)

<sup>2</sup> Movement and transportation Canterbury City Council Available online at:

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of the Proposed Development.

8. However, it does refer to the Lower Thames Crossing (application received by Planning Inspectorate on 23 October 2020 and withdrawn by the Applicant on 20 November 2020<sup>3</sup>) and Thanet Parkway Train Station (opening to the public 2023<sup>4</sup>).
9. Clearly for any generally positive economic impact or some potential for the local economy to benefit, the Proposed Development must show sustained economic viability which is predicated on market need.
10. As you will be aware, since the Examination 4 independent experts agree there is **no need for the Proposed Development** as evidenced in:
  - a. [ExA recommendation Report](#).
  - b. [Independent Aviation Assessor Report](#)
  - c. [Ramsgate Town Council's independent aviation expert's report](#)
  - d. [Jenny Dawes' independent aviation expert's report](#)
11. We respectfully opine that in light of submissions to the 2nd Consultation particularly of Nethercourt Action Group's Independent Aviation Expert and Jenny Dawes' Independent Aviation Expert, that the Secretary of State's [Independent Aviation Assessor Report](#) Conclusion will remain unchanged.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/lower-thames-crossing/> (accessed 3 December 2021)

[REDACTED]  
(accessed 16 November 2021)

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(accessed 3 December 2021)