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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in support of the redevelopment of Manston Airport. I'm no expert in civil aviation but I am a resident of Thanet and wish to express my thoughts on the future of the area and it's population. In addition the economical advantages for the transportation of freight to Europe in particular. I support this for the following reasons:

1. Manston is ideally situated to the Continent. Kent is well served by motorways with easy access to London and all major cities. We have local access to sea ports and rail services.
2. Reduced emissions/pollutants from newer aircraft has always been a strong commitment from Riveroak Strategically Partners (RSP).
Night flights will be restricted so as not to cause disturbance to residents particularly those who live under a flight path.
3. Thanet is a highly deprived area with high levels of unemployment. These numbers include many young people who would want to learn skilled work via apprenticeships that RSP wholeheartedly support. It would also offer work to many others within the area where manual and administration staff would be required.
4. Manston is a true site of historical significance to, not only the local area but to the whole country and should be kept as an airport offering much needed air space in the southeast of England. To lose this site to the building of yet more houses, will, in my opinion be seen as shortsighted in years to come.
5. The geographical closeness of Heathrow and Gatwick produces concentrated noise and pollution to the residents across vast areas. Therefore, a medium term plan should not be looking to open more space for flights in those areas by adding an additional runway.

My own understanding is that there is much local and national support for keeping Manston as an airport. It has previously been used as a training venue for British Airways and Virgin Airways and for others. The rescue helicopters were based there and it was a landing site for the Red Arrows.

RSP have made an enormous commitment to reopening this site as a Freight hub and eventually some commercial flights. This commitment has stayed steadfast through all the applications and setbacks.

Having seen the last independent advisor's report I was shocked by the errors and outdated comments it contained. I found it difficult to equate it to many of the facts within the RSP submission.

This is such a significant matter to so many and although, yes, there is an emotional component to it, I am fully aware that you are considering "the need" for this development.

I believe that this redevelopment will play a critical role in delivering freight to Europe and elsewhere. It will reduce pollution and density on our roads. It has the infrastructure to manage any form of onward travel.

Yours faithfully

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