From: Manston Airport

Subject: Submission to the planning inspectorate, Manston cargo hub

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm getting in touch to submit evidence against the opening of a Manston Cargo hub.

In the UK, 11% of people work in tourism but in Thanet that jumps to 19%. The government's own inspectorate said that an airport would decimate this industry and more people would lose jobs that gain employment at Manston.

Thanet District Council have declared a climate emergency and Kent County Council has climate targets to meet. The UK's National carbon budget has already been allocated elsewhere.

There is no easy or cheap transportation to London or the rest of the country. There will be tens of thousands of extra lorries on the road (including fuel tankers) and there is no current technologies that will make these "green". There is also no National need for a freight airport. The inspectorate already came to that conclusion and nothing has changed since then. They also said that there would be a detrimental affect on resident's health. This has not, and will never, change.

We live closer to this airport than anyone else does at British airports - my house is 2000 metres as the crow flies (closer to Heathrow than some of its car parks) and others live closer. But as it stands none of us will get compensation for sound proofing our homes.

I believe that so far, 16 independent reports have all said that an airport isn't needed and isn't viable here in the furthest reaches of southeast England. It seems that only our aviation obsessed 'Grant Shapps is behind the scheme.

I hope that you reach the logical conclusion that an airport isn't needed, isn't viable and would be detrimental to public health, the environment, schools and employment in the local area.

Here are some links to articles I've written about our lovely, creative, growing town, which will have more job opportunities for local people if the land is used for something better.

