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For whom it concerns

Residents are facing yet another round of submissions regarding the proposed development of a cargo hub at Manston.

It is very clear from the numerous expert reports that this airport is **not needed** and has been shown not to be a national strategic infrastructure project as claimed. Despite the SoS's recent request for a further expert report this again found no material change in evidence previously provided and the report concurred with the findings in the ExA's report. This issue has been examined and reviewed continuously with the same results and the local community desperately needs closure so that they can progress with their lives.

I would add, that it would be beyond contempt, if the SoS Grant Shapps, was persuaded to support the development given his own enthusiasm for flying supported by reports via The Sunday Times, that he has also helped to set up a team that helped airfields challenge other developments on airfield sites. There is a risk here, surely, of a potential conflict of interest even though we are informed that the SoS recused himself from the last decision.

Finally, to proceed with such a development, would further undermine the credibility of the Government, would de-value the experts and the planning process and it would result in disastrous environmental and economic impact for the local area. As we face an uncertain future, the climate crisis alone should be sufficient to deter development of any new airport activity let alone activity that has no justification whatsoever.

Yours faithfully,

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