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**To:** SHAPPS, Grant [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Important: Manston Airport - a personal plea

Dear Mr Shapps

I do not write to you lightly given the substantial unrest in Whitehall right now that you yourself are in the midst of. Let alone your own travails with the rail industry, the P&O Ferries debacle and the airline industry now and over past months.

Please, please, please publish your, and the right decision, to uphold the DCO submission to enable Manston Airport in Kent to be reinstated and become a status symbol for airport operations in the UK. Especially with the locale being the most deprived area within Kent and the need for air cargo capacity growing more and more.

There has been plenty of time to author the correct wording this time round to ensure a proper announcement so as to get the proposed £300m+ private investment in my area - and to be more specific, in the Parish in which I live. The majority of people in Thanet **do** support Riveroak Strategic Partners in their aims for the airport.

Therefore I do implore you to issue the 'thumbs-up' immediately, even if it may be the last thing you do as Transport Secretary given the fluidity with the Government today.

Please do help bring prosperity to where I live by doing this and thereby give hope for generations to come.

Not doing it will leave a wasteland which is of no use to anyone.

Yours most sincerely,

John Bates



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