



19th January 2019

Manston Airport Case Team
National Infrastructure Planning
The Planning Inspectorate
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Temple Quay
Bristol
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Dear Sir/Madam

Please see below my message to <u>ManstonAirport@pins.gov.uk</u> which unfortunately would not send, I submit my letter as follows:

In support of my strong belief that Manston Airport should be reopened and returned to aviation use may I submit the following information, which has said about the jobs coming to Manston Airport, and the Education and Training being put in place to help local people to get these jobs:

Education and training

Education and training will be vital to maximise the employment opportunities for local people from the redevelopment and operation of Manston Airport. To ensure local providers are engaged, RiverOak is working with Higher and Further Education representatives to leverage opportunities associated with the Manston Airport's future potential operation.

Raising the aspirations of young people will be essential, particularly in areas of deprivation like Thanet. It is hoped that Manston Airport can stimulate the desire to

continue in education and training, encouraging young people to improve their life chances and realise their full potential.

Tourism

This report considers the effect on tourism of airport operations at Southend,

Southampton and Bournemouth and draws the conclusion that an operational airport at

Manston is likely to support tourism in Thanet.

In additional my feelings are that it is vital to our area that Manston is reopened, not only for the above but with Brexit on the horizon Manston is one of the closest airports to continental Europe. What better place to airlift in freight, our infrastructure has much improved with better access to the UK's motorways and drastically reduces the problems that drivers have faced and continue to face at French ports.

The French are very quick to strike action and we have had several Operation Stacks in place on the M20, what better way to beat this problem than by bringing in and out of the UK freight by air using Manston Airport.

Yours faithfully

Christine Philpott (Mrs)