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To: Manston Airpo

Subject: Application by RiverOak Strategic Partners Ltd to reopen Manston Airport .

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To whom it may concern , here are my reasons why RiverOak Strategic Partners Ltd should reopen Manston Airport .

I have lived in Ramsgate all my life since 1963 and within that time I have admired and enjoyed the airport . Apart from its amazing history which helped us to win the second world war , there are huge underground bunkers which if needed could house the royal family as well as be a command base if we ever had to go to war again . Bringing this important airport back into aviation use would provide local jobs , and ease the congestion of freight to and from the port of Dover .

Having a long runway this airport is ideally situated for emergency landings. Everyday I watch planes going over the area, if any of these needed to land as part of an emergency they would either have to turn back or ditch in the sea, neither would be safe.

The recent landing of several helicopters to assist a hostage situation out at sea also highlighted the need for a air-base to be used by the coastguards.

Thanet has a need for long-term jobs which an airport would provide . I believe the future of air-freight will be less polluting than the thousands of extra cars which the new households would need to use .

I remember feeling extremely proud of seeing the huge cargo planes laden with aid as they flew to Africa and other desperate countries requiring help.

New houses are only as good as the environment for which its intended , and sadly Thanet isn't a thriving area , we don't have enough Doctors or Dentists , and our local hospital is struggling to cope with lack of beds , plus the threat of having its A&E downgraded . Extra houses will put the overstretched emergency services at dangerously high levels of risk .

Thanet needs long-term employment which the airport could provide , whereas more houses being built in an area with high unemployment would mean the new residents either driving or commuting back out of the area to find work . New houses don't provide jobs they cause the opposite .

Please give Thanet a chance to be proud again , a place which will lessen the burden on Gatwick and Heathrow . Let Manston fly the flag for Great Britain once again .

With regards from Miss Janet Moulder

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