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My ref: 20012235

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in support of the RSP application to return Manston Airport to an operational airport once more. Having followed this saga for a number of years & having read the proposals RSP have put forward, it can not only benefit the local community of Thanet, but for the Country.

Thanet is an area of high unemployment & low wages, an area that relies on the tourist season which does not offer good employment, or the chance to earn a decent living for most. RSP will not only employ people, they will be meaningful positions & the fact that they are offering training can only be good for the area. All I hear from a very vocal few people is that the airport never made money & that it is in the wrong location. Manston has never had real investment to make it work, something it has needed for many years, RSP's plan clearly shows that there will be a high level of investment. As for wrong location, it is currently being readied for hundreds of articulated lorries to park there ready for Brexit & the impact it may have on Dover Port. If it can be used as a temp stop handling that amount of lorries, then off loading cargo to waiting lorries to deliver clearly is not an issue. It is not like Lydd Airport which does not have dual carriageways leading directly onto motorways. Lorries can reach the M25 in just under an hour, hardly in the middle of no where.

I have been reading with interest some of the responses given by so called local people regarding the effect of the airport. I do not recall ever hearing about roof's being damaged or washing being burnt! Many of these so called local people have recently moved to the area, a couple who make various claims moved here after the airport was closed down! Hardly a great endorsement of something they have never experienced. I had lived under the flight path for many years when I lived in Ramsgate. The noise is something that you dont notice after a while, the same as people who live near train tracks say the same, you get used to it to the point you don't actually notice them. I found that when I lived under the flight path.

We are all aware of the lack of airspace in the south east of the Country, whilst Heathrow may have been awarded a new runway, this will be many many years before that is operational. By that time airspace will be more desperate than ever, here we have a solution to the problem that could be up & running so much

quicker. Taking into account the Brexit effect, we will need landing slots sooner than later if we are going to trade more with the rest of the World. This can not be stressed enough, we are going to need it quicker than Heathrow can be ready. Manston was accepting large cargo planes, so it still can now. This is of national importance!

The alternative to this development is something that the vast majority of Thanet do not want or need, which would be more housing. I have been to their presentations & have asked many questions about the employment they wish to bring to the area. Thanet has a high number of units, there are many still available, I know as I rent a large unit myself for my business. The only thing they could actually answer was that there were houses planned, they could not answer where this employment other than house builders was coming from. If houses were to be built, Thanet would be stuck with a bigger employment problem as 4k houses and 2k jobs they say they can bring does not equate to a potential 16k extra people only basing this on 4 people per family per house. RSP can & will offer real jobs, real wages & real prospects for the people of Thanet.

Kind regards

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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning  
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8 etc**

# Application by RiverOak Strategic Partners Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the upgrade and reopening of Manston Airport

## Examination Timetable and procedure

Your reference: 20012235

Please find below a website link to the Rule 8 letter giving notice of the Examination Timetable and other Procedurals Decisions made by the Examining Authority at, or following, the Preliminary Meeting. This letter includes a number of important annexes.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR020002/TR020002-002848-TR020002%20Rule%208%20letter%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

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Yours faithfully

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