

Dear sir,

Reference the DCO for Manston Airport

My Wife and I have lived in Manston within 500 yards of the terminal For the past 45 years, during which time we have owned and run Manston Caravan Park. We were informed at a recent meeting in Manston village hall that in some peoples views, the tourism industry had suffered whilst the airport was in operation.

We can however confirm that being the largest touring caravan park, we found that our customers enjoyed the airport and views of the aircraft landing ect.

When the Red Arrows had displays in the area they used Manston as a base and our customers deliberately booked with us to see them. The various air days held at Manston were some of the busiest weekends on record.

The KLM flights and the holiday flights also increased our bookings to allow our customers to stay in their caravans and they could walk form our site to the terminal Building knowing their caravan was ready for their return flights saving some from having to drive home following a lat night return.

Many of our customers were plane spotters and they were informed as to when and which planes were arriving such as the Dreamliner>and the Vulcan Bomber on its last flight.

We are sure that tourism did not suffer and that it could flourish again with the opening of the airport and hopefully the return of KLM and the holiday flights which were just getting into profit when the airport was closed. With Brexit looming and the planned additional runway at Heathrow being some 10 to 15 years away, surely the country needs this airport to ensure that cargo planes can deliver and release some of the pressure at both Heathrow and Gatwick.

Yours truly, Mr. Roy E. Neale..