

## Manston Airport DCO Application - Written Submission for Deadline 3

Dear Sirs

I write to you in support of the reopening of Manston Airport, which is so important to Thanet, and will also be nationally, post-Brexit.

The opening of a new, larger Airport by RSP will represent the best, biggest opportunity for Thanet ever, which it would be crazy to turn down.

This corner of the South-East has struggled to give decent employment or wages since the closure of the coal mines and, subsequently, Pfizers. When Manston Airport was closed 150 people directly employed lost their jobs, but local businesses also suffered loss of trade when people stopped visiting the Spitfire Museum and Tea Rooms. Tourists loved to watch the planes landing and taking off and would then spend money in the area.

RSP has promised re-employment of ex staff and local people - but what is the most exciting thing is the connection with local schools, colleges and universities for education and training. Apprenticeships for our young people in all spheres of airport work is a wonderful opportunity and will give them hope for their future.

It seems ironic that while Manston Airport has a runway large enough to have hosted Concorde and now has the opportunity of becoming a large Airport mainly concentrated on freight, that millions of pounds are being spent on Heathrow Airport's extension because they cannot manage all the freight with all their passenger traffic.

I know that the majority of my friends and neighbours in Thanet would love to see the regeneration of this area that the proposed new Airport would provide and I earnestly hope that Thanet will be given this opportunity via RSP.

Thank you.

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