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## Planning Inspectorate

I would like the below added to my earlier summary.

Manston Airport is the only sensible alternative for both the Local economy/Employment opportunities. The Kent area has suffered from the lack of employment opportunities and the lack of skilled employment opportunities over many years.

Thanet, has never had the financial opportunities, offered to other deprived areas in any real degree of help. The airport, in my mind the real way forward for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond.

Manston Airport is a necessity for the National Economy to help with the other major airports in the South East of England, with freight and associated businesses. The world has over the years grown smaller due to aircraft travel and all the things air travel offers. Easy access to various countries around the world, to complement our other existing airports in the south east. The news shows the other airports wish to expand to grow their businesses. They have in these other areas objections from locals, who do not want any business, company or airport on their back door. However, they all want goods delivered quickly, cheaply from any where in the world and to go on holiday.

There is also the local economy, since the Airport has closed there has been a drop in tourism that hurts the seaside economy and the local museums and historical sites. Those areas around the country, who have kept their regional airports continue to enjoy the wealth and business that it brings.

The Airport land has already been designated for usage as Aviation use only, in all earlier council planning.

I have lived in Thanet for over 50 years now and have seen many changes, to local life, services, population, housing, businesses. I am firmly of the opinion that Manston Airport is vital to the local population, businesses and the wider area. In surrounding areas, other developers have saturated the surrounding area with small purpose built buildings for small 5 or 10 person businesses but no large industry which would employ even a 1000 staff (one thousand) why because no large business has easy access to a local large airport (such as Manston Airport) no self respecting CEO or Multi National CEO will even think of setting up a business where he cannot land his executive jet, let alone have his or her business where there is no local air link (time in money to them).

The Strategic importance of keeping Manston Airport as an Airport, for the wealth of this country to prosper with other Airports is paramount with us leaving the European Union, next March. We shall need every Airfield, Port. Manston Airport must be saved.

No one can doubt that there is a great need for this to re-open.

The airport, will support new businesses of all sizes who will come to this area and to the surrounding area of the South East. However, they need freight airport to Export their goods at a reasonable cost. (Manston Airport is ideal)

It will also take the extra freight that Heathrow Airport etc cannot cope with and put on to lorries and send through the tunnel at Folkestone, to then be flown out from Ski-pol Airport in Holland.

As I said earlier, I have been in this area for over 50 years and I am now now retired. I am writing this in support not only because I believe it is vital and yes I enjoy seeing planes, knowing they are securing the future for the country but also for the youth of tomorrow that will need jobs and good jobs.

The final decision is in your hands, I dream of the youth of tomorrow have good jobs and prosperous jobs, Will you deny them this right. We need Manston Airport.

Thank you

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