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Subject: Plans to reopen Manston Airport, Kent
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Dear Planning Inspectorate Case Team,

I am writing to express my strong opposition and deep objections to the current application to reopen Manston Airport for cargo/passenger/executive/aircraft engineering services by RiverOak Strategic Partners Ltd.

As a resident of Thanet for eight years, I have seen the fortunes and quality of life in our area improve beyond recognition as a result of the airport closing. The old Manston Airport brought environmental blight to the area, never served destinations that passengers wanted to go to and still stifles our plans to change our lovely corner of Kent for the better.

The air cargo traffic was unbearably noisy for many residents of Thanet and it's absence has improved our lives immeasurably. The prospect of it's return in even greater volumes and frequency will reverse the influx of new residents, businesses and entrepreneurs to Thanet who see a far more positive future for the area (but are being held back from investing by all this spineless dithering about killing off Manston).

Since Manston closed, a large and growing number of Thanet residents have seen that the peace and cleaner air, allied with the natural beauty of the unique coastal, holds far greater hope for the region. Tourism, hotels, new homes and all the services the grow up around those industries will provide a far more lucrative and sustainable future for the region. Meanwhile, air travel is experiencing an International and natural decline; it's highly polluting `fallout' runs counter to the environmental goals of most governments, particularly if reintroduced to an area of outstanding beauty like Thanet where it simply isn't needed (e.g. far from UK passenger population centres on an isolated peninsular, thereby requiring higher carbon emissions to routinely service it).

So I implore you not to reject this application once and for all and as soon as possible; it has been cynically submitted (and re-submitted) by a US based multi-national with no true concern for either our national or regional wellbeing. The longer their repeated applications are entertained, the more detrimental is the effect upon many more viable initiatives which will contribute far more to Thanet's prosperous future.

Yours sincerely,

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