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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to tell you the reason that I would like Manston returned to its rightful place....as a fully operational airport.

I was the Cheif Engineer for TG Aviation Ltd at Manston before its closure. I relocated from another job to take up this position. Since it's closure I had to relocate once again, to Rochester Airport, where I now operate my new business.

This is far from ideal, not only due to the travelling and 'carbon footprint' but the fact that had I still been able to operate from Manston many jobs could have been created within my company within the local area.

My customer base is quite extensive at Rochester, quite a few being formally based at Manston. The problem that Rochester has is a grass runway, that is closed quite a few weeks of the year due to rain. I can provide you with the names of numerous pilots that are very eager for Manston to reopen, to return and be able to fly their aircraft throughout the year, therefore putting valued money into the local economy.

Since having to relocate to Rochester I have been able to employ a number of staff and take on several apprentices. Having bought a house in Westgate on Sea whilst being employed at Manston, I would very much like to relocate back. Having the ability to provide much needed jobs around Thanet would be a key factor in coming home and building my business.

I very much hope that you choose the airport to reopen. Thanet desperately needs jobs and hope. NOT more houses.

Kind regards,

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