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I wish to make the strongest possible representations on the future of Manston Airport.

I was dismayed to hear that the High Court had quashed the decision to allow the future use of Manston Airport as an airport.

Manston has always been, until recent years, an operational airport. It has a runway capable of taking Jumbo jets. It has the capacity to be used as a large freight hub, passenger terminal and for private flying clubs.

Following Brexit, it is even more imperative that the UK has the capacity to handle air freight from abroad and, indeed, export air freight. The road network around Manston has been vastly improved and now there will be a new rail station, Thanet Parkway, nearby. The infrastructure is already there to support an airport.

There will be increased demand for passenger flights. Why build new runways at Gatwick or Heathrow when there is already spare capacity at Manston?

The runway at Manston is also a valuable asset in case of air emergencies, providing a safe place for large planes to land.

Manston would provide much needed employment for the Thanet area which is economically deprived and, as the airport expands, and more services are offered, this will only increase. However, the airport is not just a local asset, but one of huge national importance too. If the airport is closed, it will be lost forever and the land will be covered with thousands of houses. That outcome would be far more damaging to the environment and local wildlife than allowing Manston to operate as it should.

Now that the UK is looking to a future outside the EEC, and making trade deals with nations across the world, air freight will become more essential than ever. Why discard an airport that could easily be reinstated and be operational for the good of the nation as a whole? It seems madness to me.

I urge those who will make the decisions, to make the right ones, and save Manston for the future prosperity of Thanet, Kent and the UK as a whole.

Yours faithfully

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