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To: Manston Airport

**Subject:** For the attention of the Manston Airport Case Team

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See my letter attached - Carolyn Illsley





Manston Airport Case Team Ministry of Transport Houses of Parliament, London, SW1A 0AA

19th June, 2021

Dear Team.

## Re-opening of Manston Airport, Kent.

I wholeheartedly support the reinstatement of Manston Airport in East Kent. Here are just a few reasons that make it essential for the UK post Brexit:-

- Manston currently has one of the longest and widest runways in the UK and definitely the thickest – strong enough to be an emergency landing site for the Space Shuttle and heavy cargo aircraft.
- Manston will give desperately needed employment and apprenticeships to thousands of people in East Kent.
- The new Manston Airport will be carbon neutral and will attract global business.
- Manston is known for the fastest turnaround of cargo especially for perishable goods from Africa, not to mention urgently needed medicine and vaccines.
- Manston will be used for safely dismantling old aircraft badly needed with more aircraft worldwide coming to the end of their lives.
- Manston is an alternative route into and out of the UK when French fishermen or farmers, inevitably go on strike.
- There is massive support for Manston Airport in East Kent including the local Councils of Dover, Deal, Sandwich and Thanet plus our two MPs and the majority of the population.

People ask why recent owners went bust. It is because none of them was prepared to put in the massive investment required.

I cannot understand why anyone would turn down such an opportunity for the UK. Please reconsider.

Yours sincerely, Carolyn Illsley (Mrs).

