

From: 
To: [Manston Airport](#)
Subject: Re- opening of Manston Airport
Date: 20 June 2021 14:52:41

For the attention of the Manston Airport Case Team.

Dear team

I was born and brought up in Ramsgate and have lived in Thanet some 70 years now.

It is vital that we have our Airport reopened.

I lived through the time of the USAF, the RAF

and civilian airport. Never have I or my family seen any detrimental effects on Thanet only beneficial ones.

Thanet has lost almost all its Multinational companies who employed thousands of local people here including myself.

Rank, Sericol printers, G E C, B O C, most of Pfizer's, Coal mining industry, Cross Channel ferries, Volkswagen, Hovercrafts, Marks and Spencer's (except for one) Debenhams, Woolworths, Littlewoods, British Home Stores and of course Manston Airport.

A wealth of local engineering companies too and nothing has replaced them.

With the government's persistence of building new houses on Thanet we desperately need new employment here. There are no prospects for our existing youngsters here except for leaving.

Who else is preparing to spend hundreds of £millions of investment in Thanet ?

No one.

This is a golden opportunity at last for Thanet to pull itself out of serious deprivation after so many years of investment starvation and a future for our youngsters and unemployed. Seasonal coffee shops, low paid shop working and labouring is not good enough.

Please consider this carefully for our future,

Thank you.

Sincerely

Carole Copeland

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Manston Airport](#)
Subject: Attention Manston Airport Case Team
Date: 06 July 2021 09:40:29

Dear Manston Airport Case Team

Recently Kent County Council released the unemployment figures for Thanet which I am forwarding to bring your attention to the need to reopen Manston Airport, Thanet desperately needs jobs and the huge investment that RiverOak are offering us. Thanet and Ramsgate in particular have lost so much in the last 3 decades. Coffee, Vape, Charity and Pound shops are just not good enough for the people of Thanet especially with the thousands of new houses being built but with no matching new employment. Please give us our Airport back for future employment.

- Thanet has an **unemployment rate of 9.4% - *the highest in Kent.*** Well above the Kent average of 5.67%.
- Thanet has the highest unemployment rate of **14.9% amongst 18-24 year olds in Kent.** - well above the national average.
- Thanet has the highest unemployment rate of **10.6% amongst 25-49 year olds in Kent.**
- Thanet has the highest unemployment rate of **6.7% amongst 50-64 year olds in Kent.**

Sincerely

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