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Factors in favour of reopening Manston Airport to aviation.

From the viewpoint of a former Manston Air Traffic Controller and Private Pilot, and Thanet resident observed over 20+ years. I do not claim to be any kind of expert, but make this report by physical observation and data gleaned from the local media.

In simple terms:-

The creation of many permanent longterm jobs with Manston being active in aviation:- Very high

The creation of any permanent longterm jobs in Thanet without Manston:- Negligible

Current state of unemployment in the Thanet area:- High

Current state of antisocial behaviour through lack of employment:- High and increasing

Benefits to the taxpayer from an active Manston:- High through reduction of unemployment payments and costs of remedying the repairs to infrastructure caused by graffiti, vandalism etc.

Costs to the taxpayer by not approving the above:- High and rapidly increasing

Incidences of crime and drug abuse in the Thanet area:-

Increasing

The chance to reduce the above by creating employment by using Manston for aviation:- High

The chance to increase community morale and a sense of optimism by using Manston for aviation:- Very High

The strategic geographical position of Manston in the UK relative to the increasing hostile threats from other parts of the world:- Vitally important

The chance to take the strain of air cargo operations away from an already overloaded pre-Covid Heathrow:- Very high

Thanet has 2 huge currently unused assets, Ramsgate Port and Manston Airport. This the chance to resurrect the one asset that has the potential to be a financial success and put this area of Kent back on it's feet again. We need it.

Yours faithfully, Philip Hayes