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For the attention of the Manston Airport Case Team.

From Mr Michael Redmond. 4th July 2021

Dear Sir or Madam.

I would like to draw to your attention and the attention of the Secretary of Transport, to look at the real evidence for the immense amount of support for Manston Airport from the people in Thanet, Hernebay and other surrounding towns.

Despite all that has been wrongly stated by the very small minority who oppose Manston Airport, and in contempt of the area where they live being one of the highest unemployment blackspots in Kent and indeed in the top 10% of the whole country (ONS 15/05/2021), they insist continuing with their dishonesty and deception, falsely claiming that they, are the majority voice of towns under the Manston Airport flight paths.

On the contrary, the anti airport No Night Flights (NNF) group are definitely not speaking for the vast majority of those they propose to represent.

The pro airport groups, Save Manston Airport association (SMAa), Save Manston Airport (SMA), SUpporters Manston Airport (SUMa) Kent Needs Manston (KNM) Why Not Manston (WNM) Support TG RedArrows Scholarship and Manston airport support group (Masg), have made many requests by the NNF anti group, to support a referendum on Thanet's preferred future of Manston Airport, however all requests have been refused.

Attached to this email are the polls, consultations and surveys which have been processed by various groups or individuals.

The pro/anti Manston Airport data from the 2005 Mori Poll through to the current poll in 2018 are shown as bar graphs, in the PDF graffics. The PDF slides showing the evidence of how the bar graph was compiled are also attached.

Of course, those that are anti Manston Airport will disagree with all of this data.... However, there is NOT even ONE poll or survey that has ever been completed or compiled to provide evidence of their support against Manston Airport.

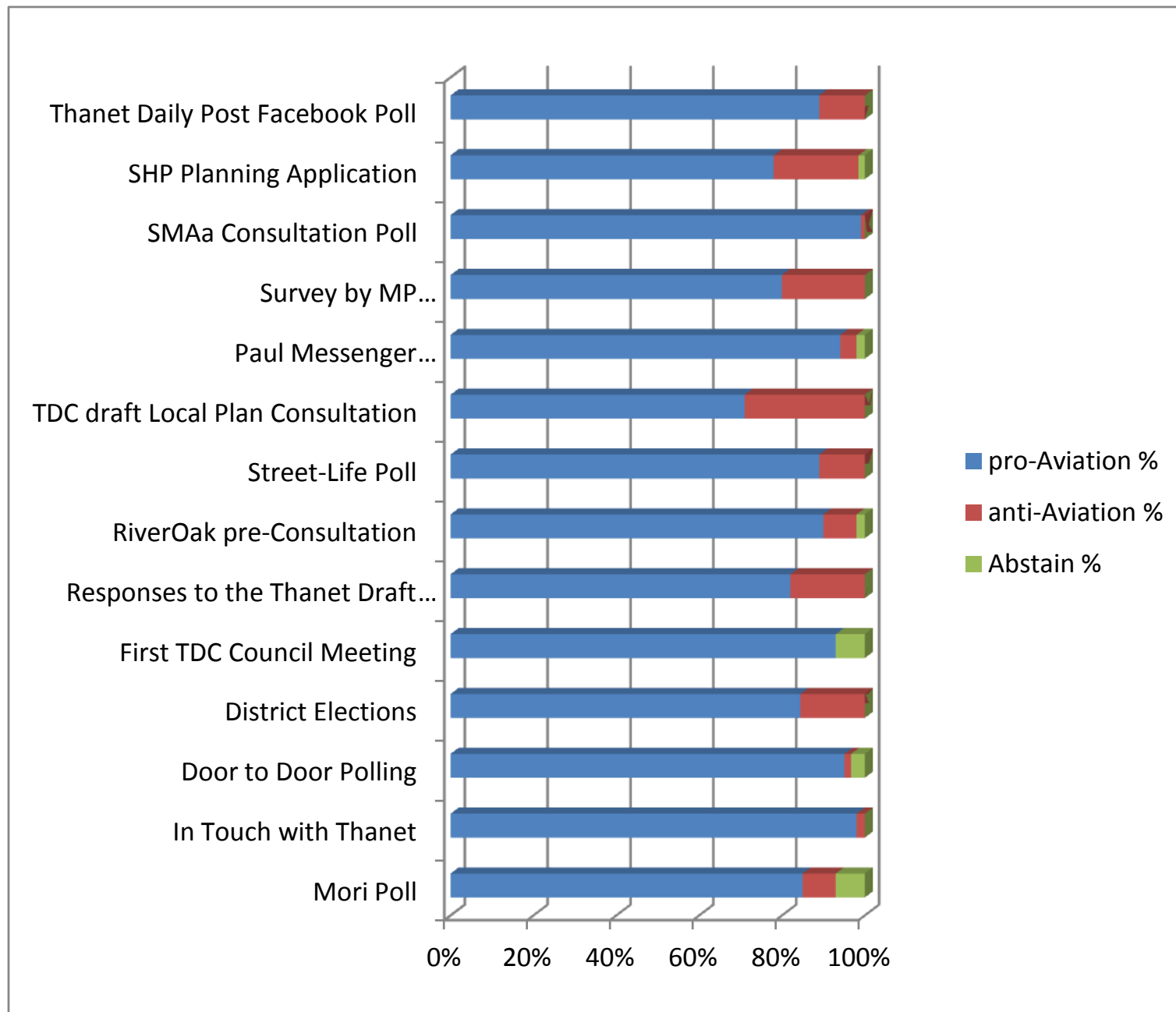
I believe that these attachments are the true evidence and proof that the vast majority of the people around the area of Manston Airport ARE in favour of

an Order granting Development Consent for the reopening and development of Manston Airport in Kent, and the benefits Manston Airport will bring, with jobs, training and education.

Yours Faithfully

Mr Michael Redmond



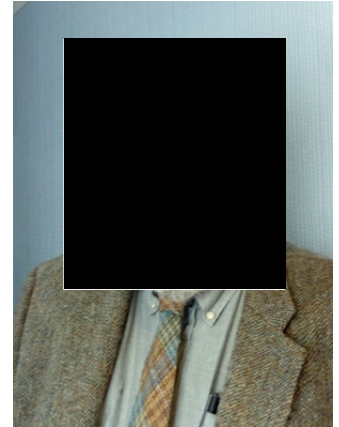


The pro/anti Manston Airport data as bar graphs - 2005 (Mori Poll) to current.  
 - abstain is not always valid.

# Why Manston Airport ?

## Save Manston Airport association

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### Committee (2018):

Dr. Beau Webber (Chairman)  
David Stevens (Vice-Chairman)  
Dr. R. John Pritchard  
(Treasurer)  
Angela Stevens (Secretary)  
Liam Coyle (Chief Moderator)

### Ex-officio members:

Bryan Girdler  
Ela Lodge-Pritchard  
Linda Wright  
Gary Dumigan  
Gregory Nocentini  
Margaret Sole

# **Why Manston Airport ?**

**Save Manston Airport association believe that 71% to 98% of Thanet people are in favour of Manston re-opening for Commercial Aviation, depending on the questions asked and the protocol of the poll.**

So we do our best to respect this belief and aid this to happen.

Our evidence for this belief is listed below.

## **Multiple Polls etc.**

For 4½ years SMAa have been collating results from multiple polls - both on the web and door-to-door; results from TDC, from elections, council voting & local plan consultations; and RiverOak Consultation surveys.

# **Kent International Manston Airport**

**2005-04 :**

## **S.106 Agreement Consultation**

**Research Study Conducted for  
Thanet District Council**

# Introduction

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## Background and Objectives

This report presents the findings of research conducted among Thanet residents by MORI (Market & Opinion Research International) on behalf of Thanet District Council.

The main aim of the research is to explore residents' opinions around the potential expansion of Kent International Manston Airport in light of the move to update the S.106 planning agreement.



# **2005-04 - Mori Poll Results :**

## **include the following points:**

There is broad support for the proposed expansion of the airport.

More than four in five (85%) say that they support it, including three in five (63%) who report that they are strongly in favour of expansion.

Just short of one in ten (8%), however, say they are opposed to plans for a larger airport.

## **2005-04 - Mori Poll results :**

**include the following points:**

Asked for unprompted reasons why they are in favour of, or opposed to, airport expansion, the most frequently given answer is that airport growth will bring more employment opportunities (43%). Further, 16% say that it will offer a boost to the broader economic situation, and 13% expect airport expansion to help regenerate the area.

# 2014-06-26 – Petition to TDC

- A petition with about 7,700 signatures, to support a compulsory purchase order to preserve Manston Airport for aviation purposes, was presented to Thanet District Council (TDC)
- (Does not appear to be in TDC records)
- Ref [A08b1] - 2014-06-26 – Petition to TDC - P1190322.JPG
- Ref [A08b2] - 2014-06-26 – Petition to TDC - P1190331.MOV

# 2014-07-21 – Petition to Prime Minister

- A petition was presented to 10 Downing St, by the Thanet MPs Sir Roger Gale and Laura Sandys, TG Aviation and the Save Manston Airport group. This petition had 26,524 signatures in support of re-opening Manston as a working airport.
- Ref [A08c1] - 2014-07-21 - No10 Downing St. 11403134\_491058241061793\_7057192628641020693\_n.jpg
- Ref [A08c2] - 2014-07-21 - No10 Downing St. - 11709664\_91058247728459\_6432957416169653259\_n.jpg
- Ref [A08c3] - 2014-07-21 - No10 Downing St. - BtERdAVIcAAfNgk.jpg

# 2014-10-02 – Petition to TDC

- A petition “**No to Houses on the Manston Airport site**” was presented to Thanet District Council leader Iris Johnston, during a large and very noisy but good natured rally on the TDC steps - about 10,000 signers in all.
- Ref [A08d] - TDC CPO petition presentation –  
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# 2014-10-02 – Petition to TDC

- “No to Houses on the Manston Airport site”  
Petition rejected by TDC 2014-10-21 :

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**Summary:** To outline a petition that has been rejected by the Monitoring Officer.

## For Information

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### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

- 1.1 When the Petitions Scheme was reviewed in light of the Localism Act 2011, a new clause was introduced to require the Council's Monitoring Officer to report to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Panel when a petition was rejected.

### **2.0 The Current Situation**

- 2.1 The Council received an petition on the 2 October 2014 from a member of the public:
- “To Paul Carter at Kent County Council and Iris Johnston the Leader of Thanet District Council, Please not allow any planning permission for housing, retail or industrial park that isn't aviation related.”
- 2.2 The petitioner was advised that the Council's Monitoring Officer had rejected the petition in accordance with paragraph 1.1 of the Council's petition scheme – that “if the petition applies to a planning or licensing application; these may be rejected by the Monitoring Officer alone.”
- 2.3 It was the opinion of the Monitoring Officer that had the Council adopted the prayer of the petition it could have seriously limited the future actions of the Council and would predetermine any planning application received by the Council relating to the site in future, which is something the Council cannot do.

## 2014-11 - In Touch with Thanet - Dual 38 Degree Polls

In **November 2014**, In Touch with Thanet blog ran two linked CPO petitions :  
38 Degrees Polls : Yes to CPO / No to CPO  
This ran consistently at **98%** in favour of “Yes to CPO” :

6 hours :	2014-11-16, 18:01	604/11 98.2% Yes
12 hours :	2014-11-17, 00:17	927/19 98.0% Yes
20 hours :	2014-11-17, 08:27	1117/19 98.3% Yes
25 hours :	2014-11-17, 13:34	1341/23 98.3% Yes
30 hours :	2014-11-17, 18:00	1448/24 98.4% Yes
36 hours :	2014-11-18, 00:00	1641/32 98.1% Yes
42 hours :	2014-11-18, 08:38	1678/35 98.0% Yes
48 hours :	2014-11-18, 12:00	1757/37 97.9% Yes
54 hours :	2014-11-18, 18:00	1806/37 98.0% Yes
68 hours :	2014-11-19, 08:03	1893/38 98.0% Yes
74 hours :	2014-11-19, 14:01	1920/40 98.0% Yes
81 hours :	2014-11-19, 21:09	1964/40 98.0% Yes
117 hours :	2014-11-21, 09:15	2002/40 98.0% Yes

# **2014-12-04 - Door to Door Polling**

In December 2014, Door to Door Polling Results in Thanet, regarding Manston Airport, were conducted by SMA.

Overall out of 932 persons that were polled.  
95.1% of respondents voted Yes to Q1 : Do you want our Airport back?  
1.6% voted No.

Ref [A08e] - 2014-12-04 - Door to Door Polling Results on Manston Airport.pdf

For more detail please see  
Submission by Dr. R. John Pritchard.



# **2015-02-11 - written evidence supplied to the Transport Select Committee on Transport**

- In response to a committee member's question at the 2015-02-02 TSC hearing. "Q191 Mr Harris: You will have guessed by my accent that I am not from Thanet. Are your views representative of the general population or would you say it is 50:50? I genuinely do not know what the argument comes down to—the pro and anti-airport. Is your view widely held, or are you admitting that you are in a minority view?"
- Our reply (in 2015) : "We have just managed to collate the latest totals, to the best of our knowledge which show a grand total of over all 32,000 pro- Manston Airport memberships" (i.e. signed up people) - see attached :
- Ref [A08f] - 2015-02-11-HoC Transport Select Committee - pro-vs-anti-totals.pdf

## **2015-03-03 - No10 Downing St. - Joint Letter**

- A joint letter to the Prime Minister was delivered by representatives of RiverOak, and pro-Manston Airport groups :
- Why Not Manston ?
- Save Manston Airport .
- Ref [A08g1] - 2015-03-03 - No10 Downing St. - Group Photo - P1000815.JPG
- Ref [A08g2] - 2015-03-03 - No10 Downing St. - Joint Letter.pdf

# 2015-05-07 - District Elections

**7th May 2015** - At the May elections in Thanet :

About **36%** of the District Election votes were cast **in favour of UKIP Candidates** (some of whom were elected and some were not).

About **76%** of the votes were cast **in favour of Candidates** whom SMA believed **supported Manston Airport** (scored 3 or greater on a 0 to 5 score rating) (again some of whom were elected and some were not).

There was a **71%** turn-out.

For more detail please see  
Submissions by Dr. R. John Pritchard.

# 2015-05-21 - First TDC Council Meeting

**21st May 2015** - When the 56 elected Councillors had their first meeting in the TDC Council chamber, they voted **93% in favour** (just 4 abstentions) of asking the Cabinet to revisit their earlier decision rejecting RiverOak, and to re-consider signing the Indemnity Agreement with RiverOak.



# 2016-05-11 - Responses to the Thanet Draft Local Plan

May 2016 - Responses to the Thanet Draft Local Plan as listed on the TDC web site.

*Questionnaire: Draft Thanet Local Plan to 2031 - Preferred Options Consultation Question: [SP05 - Manston Airport]*

We have looked at all those residents who commented and of the 504 who gave an opinion either for or against the reopening of the airport, **415 (82%) were for reopening** and **89 (18%) against.**

# 2016-05-11 - Responses to the Thanet Draft Local Plan

[Responses received to Draft Thanet Local Plan to 2031 Preferred Options Consultation January 2015](#)

Economic Strategy

<https://umbraco.thanet.gov.uk/publications-archive/planning-policy/responses-received-to-preferred-options-consultation/economic-strategy/>

2019-01-10 - [A08h1] - 2016-10-16 - TDC Local Plan Consultation Responses - SP05 Manston Airport.pdf

2019-01-10 - [A08h2] - 2016-10-16 - TDC Local Plan Consultation Responses - SP05 Manston Airport2.pdf

<https://umbraco.thanet.gov.uk/publications-archive/planning-policy/responses-received-to-preferred-options-consultation/additional-representations/>

(these links have been changed since we carried out our analysis.)

# **2016-07-19 - RiverOak pre-Consultation**

## **Feedback shows overwhelming support for Manston Airport DCO proposals**

90% of local people who took part in the informal consultation by RiverOak Investments support proposals for reviving Manston Airport as an airfreight hub with complementary passenger and engineering services.

A further 8% of respondents said they opposed the plans and 2% were not yet sure.

More than 800 responses were received by BDB.

<http://www.rsp.co.uk/blog/post/consultation-feedback-shows-overwhelming-support-for-manston-airport-dco-proposals>

# **2016–10 – Street-Life Poll**

- **11 October 2016 at 17:29 · Ramsgate**
- The poll on Street-Life results are :-
- 89% : To OPEN Airport
- 11% : Against Airport



# **2017-03-06 - TDC draft Local Plan Consultation - SP05 responses**

- SP05 is the section in the draft Thanet Local Plan relating to Manston Airport :
- 489 (71%) were against the mixed use (i.e. for Aviation) and
- 201 (29%) were for mixed use.

# 2017-03-06 - TDC draft Local Plan Consultation - SP05 responses

- Draft Thanet Local Plan - 2031 - Pre-Submission Publication, Regulation 19
- **Chapter 1 - Economic Strategy**
- Policy SP05 - Manston Airport Site (Policy deleted and replaced with amended text AD06 and AD07)
- [https://consult.thanet.gov.uk/consult.ti/TLP\\_PRE\\_SUB/viewContent?contentid=327283](https://consult.thanet.gov.uk/consult.ti/TLP_PRE_SUB/viewContent?contentid=327283)
- (This consists of over 100 separate documents)

# **2017-03-07 - Paul Messenger door-to-door campaigning (KCC):**

- "We have done 50% of East Cliff, all of Cliffsend and 50% of Nethercourt.
- We have managed to speak face to face with 1016 people where :
- 956 wanted an Airport back, 40 wanting no Airport and 20 'don't knows' - hope this helps. Paul."
- So 94% Pro Manston Airport.
- Paul Messenger was elected as a KCC Councillor 2017.

# **2017-03-07 - survey on Manston Airport by South Thanet MP Craig Mackinley**

- Over 1,100 responses were received for the survey on Manston Airport by South Thanet MP Craig Mackinley. The survey for Manston Airport showed overwhelming support for the full return of Manston as an airport.
- Over 76% of respondents believe that Manston should be an airport.
- With 77% believing that a re-opened Manston Airport would provide economic growth to the local area.
- In a clear message to TDC just 19% of respondents agreed with the councils position of not supporting Manston Airport.

# 2017-07-10 – SMAa Consultation Poll

- SMAa ran a Facebook Poll of their members, following the RiverOak consultation / presentation events, between 9th July 2017 and 19th July 2017 (less than 10 complete days). Clearly such a short poll will only provide a sample of the total membership's views :

## **Views :**

- Generally Positive : 1244 (99.1 %)
- Neutral/Negative : 11 (0.9 %)

<http://www.savemanstonairport.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2017-07-21-SMAa-Poll-of-Members-responses.pdf>

# 2018-02-01 – RSP Consultations

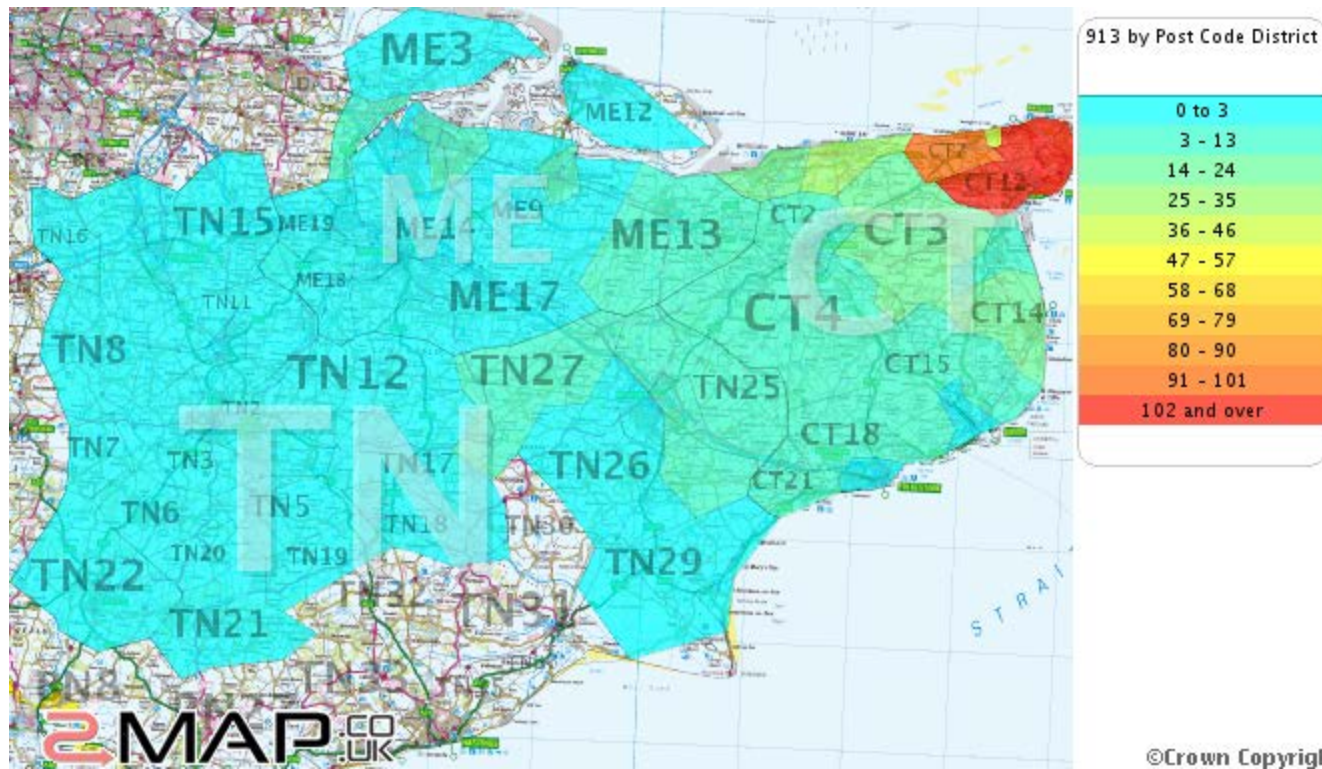
- Despite some appalling weather, 870 people attended the two most recent RiverOak consultation events, in Ramsgate and Herne Bay, to review its refined plans for Manston Airport and speak with some of the firm's environmental and planning experts, as well as the RiverOak team.
- <http://www.savemanstonairport.org.uk/wordpress/2018/02/nearly-900-attend-latest-rsp-consultations/>

# 2018-03-04 – Herne Bay Chatter Poll

- Nigel Hancock's Poll on Herne Bay Chatter :
- Looks like we've reached peak responses although you can still vote if you wish. I find the result of this latest poll quite surprising to be honest.
- Out of the 262 who expressed an opinion (at the time of writing)...
  - ☒ 153 people (58%) were in favour no-limits night flights
  - ☒ 60 (31%) were in favour of delayed/emergency night flights only
  - ☒ 25 (10%) Don't want any night flights whatsoever and
  - ☒ Only 4 people (1.5%) were in favour of a capped (say 8) night-time operations

# Membership in East Kent & Thanet

As evidence that while SMAa certainly have supporters in a broad swath over Kent and up into London, many of them are indeed based in Thanet, and particularly under the two flight-paths:





# 2018-06-06 – SHP Planning Application

- There is presently a live SHP planning application (OL/TH/18/0660) on the TDC web-site regarding development on the Manston Airport site; on reading the representations the vast majority are Objections and are pro-airport.
- The latest figures at close of play Tuesday 6th June 2018 stands at: Grand total percentages:
- Supports Housing: 20.46%;
- Objections: 78.01%;
- Neutral: 1.53%.

# 2018-06-26 Letter to PINS

- 2018-06-26 : A 1,850 signatory letter to the National Planning Inspectorate (PINS) – collected over 6 days - being combined communications from Save Manston Airport association and other signatories :
- ***“Supporting the Manston Airport DCO, and requesting that the process move forwards faster, so that thousands of pro Manston Airport supporters can register their support and comments in the pre-Examination and Examination stages.”***

# 2018-07-04 – Thanet Daily Post Facebook Poll

- [Thanet Daily Post Serving Thanet and Kent](#) created a poll.
- Published by [John Finnegan](#) · [27 June at 10:30](#) .
- Thanet District Council are to Discuss the Local plan our Questions to you is :
- Should Manston Airport be built on or opened as an Airport?

# **2018-07-04 – Thanet Daily Post Facebook Poll**

- 2018-07-04 :
- Here are the final figures of the Facebook Poll
- on Houses or Airport (after 6 days) :
- 31,231 Reach
- Post Clicks 5,948
- 2,438 Comments and Shares
- 3,400 Votes
- FOR HOUSING 386 11%
- FOR AIRPORT 3,014 89%
- Percentage of Post Clicks into Votes is 57.16%