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The importance of Manston, as a fully working airport, is possibly difficult for people who do not live in the area to understand. It is our heritage, and that of our parents and even grandparents. It is loved by the vast majority of the local people (as poll after poll has shown) and is essential for our future and our economy. There are, of course, pros and cons of the airport re-opening in the way envisaged...as shown below:-

PROS

- * Manston Airport has one of the longest runways in the U.K.
- * The Airport is situated on the coast so approach can, in most cases, be from the Sea and not over built up areas. There are other airports in the U.K. which can be used for freight but they are not so well placed so as to cause the minimum disruption to the population.
- * The local people, and surrounding towns and villages, would welcome the reopening of the airport..not just because it is well loved but because it will bring back jobs and prosperity to a very deprived area
- * Bringing essential and non essential freight into the U.K. by air will almost certainly help alleviate the problems caused at ports and on roads (especially Kent roads and ports) by lorries and transport.
- * The road system into the Thanet area is excellent and can cope extremely well, as has been shown by the use of the airport following Brexit/op stack.
- * Apprenticeships for the Thanet youth, as planned, will not only give them a future but will hugely lower the unemployment situation in this area.

CONS

- * A very small minority (including people new to the area) are against anything changing from the present 'cave culture'. Despite assurances and meetings, unfortunately it would appear that this has not changed their views. However, it IS a very small minority as polls have shown
- * There are a few residents who fear their houses are in danger from low flying planes. I can only talk from personal experience in that in 70 years I have never heard of a house being damaged and in fact I have spent much enjoyable time waving to the pilots as they passed over my house coming in to land at Manston Airport.
- * I have heard that a few people are concerned about planes disrupting schools. I have four children who all went to different schools in Thanet who cannot remember even one event of this being a problem.

Thank you Ann Smith

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