From:
To: Manston Airport

Subject: the viability of the proposed scheme...

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Dear Members of the Planning Inspectorate,

I was surprised and saddened when the decision to reconsider evidence was taken during Grant Shaps' absence, despite the fact that 5 of the 6 proposals had been rejected.

When Manston was hastily brought back into service in the early stages of WW2, Barnes Wallis is reported to have commented that the airport was badly situated for connecting to the rest of the country, too close to a small fine town, and of little use strategically. I do not see that much has changed.

The demand for freight is catered for by plenty of capacity at better-placed centres; Gatwick, Heathrow, plus Stansted and East Midlands.

RSP's plan seems to ignore the 3 previous failures at running a successful airport, but then they have no real interest in doing so. They wish to artificially increase the value of their investment (an investment now reduced by several million pounds by the payment 'for the delay in implementing their plans earlier this year'.) Shameful.

Ramsgate needs employment. Very few jobs would be created, shown by RSP's own figures.

Please allow this valuable piece of the Kent countryside to be used wisely, by rejecting this opportunistic scheme.

Yours faithfully,

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