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The ANPS refers to "Making Best Use" of existing runways.

As a retired airline pilot and one who has actually operated a 747 freighter into Manston, I can vouch for its usefulness to the UK economy. For several years, I was flying cargo into Brussels airport (up to 115 tonnes at a time) only for it to be unloaded into a freight terminal to be subsequently loaded onto trucks to then travel to the UK, either under the Channel, or by sea.

Clearly this makes no sense at all from an ecology point of view.

We are unlikely to see a new runway in the South of England at any time in the future.

Manston is here and apart from helping out as a post-Brexit lorry park, it has a tremendous potential future as an airfreight and passenger airport, not to mention ancillary activities (maintenance, business aviation and training).

That aside, KLM only ceased passenger operations at Manston because the airport was closed. I have first-hand knowledge that they will be back as soon as the airfield is operational again.

Grasp the nettle and let's get the runway back in use. Offering extra capacity at Manston might even make the third runway at LHR unnecessary!

Kind regards

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